

No plan to ban Chinese phones priced under ₹12,000: MoSIT

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The government has asked Chinese mobile companies to increase their exports from India and there is no proposal to ban the sale of handsets below ₹12,000 made by such firms, Union minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on Monday.

The Minister of State for Electronics and IT also said that Indian companies also have a role to play in the

country's electronic ecosystem but it does not mean exclusion of foreign brands.

"Only issue that we have raised and done very transparently with some of the Chinese brands is that we have said that our expectation is that they will do more exports.

"Their supply chain, specially components supply

chain, need to be more transparent and much more open... (On

the other narrative about crowding them out from a particular segment (sub-₹12,000) of the market, we don't have any proposal and I

am not sure where it came from," Chandrasekhar said.

He was responding to a question on a reported plan

of the government to bar Chinese companies from selling sub-₹12,000 mobile phones.

While releasing a report prepared by ICRIER in collaboration with industry body ICEA on increasing domestic value addition, the minister said the government is looking to reach \$300 billion-electronics production and exports of \$120 billion by 2025-26.

The present production is estimated to be around \$76 billion.

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