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CAIT URGE VAISHNAV TO BAN USAGE OF CHINESE CCTVs

Expressing its grave concern over mass usage of Chinese CCTVs in India which can pose threat to national security, the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) in a communication sent today to Union Minister for Electronics & IT has strongly urged imposition of ban on usage of Chinese CCTVs in India as such system is capable of transferring data located outside. The CAIT said that like imposing ban on Chinese Apps in the past, the usage of Chinese CCTV should be banned immediately in the Country.

CAIT National President Shri B C Bhartia & Secretary General Shri Praveen Khandelwal said that in the absence of any Data Protection Law or any other competent law or any monitoring mechanism, the data or information acquired by such CCTV systems can be easily transferred anywhere in the globe. It is to be noted that Internet Protocol (IP) cameras are used in CCTV networks and internet operated Digital Video Recording (DVR) of the CCTV systems can be compromised at any given point of time.

Shri Bhartia & Shri Khandelwal said that it is believed that a large number of Chinese origin CCTV cameras are used in India which are either controlled or partially owned by the Chinese Government. Moreover, the laws of China makes it obligatory for everyone in China to help the Government by giving data/information, whenever it is demanded. It is also noteworthy to mention that already Countries like United States, Australia & United Kingdom have banned usage of Chinese CCTV in areas sensitive to national security.

The CAIT has suggested that a Data Protection Law should be immediately passed by the Parliament to ensure foolproof protection of Data of the Country as also a comprehensive policy may be made to encourage manufacturing of CCTVs in India under Made in India vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. It has also urged for a support policy to augment manufacturing capacity of existing manufacturers of CCTVs in India.