

1. **Issue:** An article by the Medianama (a technology trade magazine) seems to state that Bytedance has claimed to have paid for and own copyright to large number of videos on their platform. In line with this claim, they have sent other social media companies' notices to take down such content. (Link: <https://www.medianama.com/2019/08/223-sharechat-removes-tiktok-videos-after-receiving-notices-report/>)

Questions: Does that mean you are not an intermediary? Are you then liable for the content on your platform? Which creators do you have exclusive rights over? Have you shared a list of such exclusive creators with the government? Have any of your creators published any video that violates Indian law?
2. **Issue:** We noted that there were several instances of hate speech that were spread on your platform. Some even resulting in FIRs being filed.

Questions: What steps did you take to remove this content? Are any of these creators back on the platform?
3. **Issue:** Studies have noted that as recently as March 2019 they shared data with China Telecom an arm of the Chinese government

Questions: Did that relationship exist? Which entities do they share data with today? Are any of them state owned? Are you willing to give a written declaration to this effect to the government?
4. **Issue:** A recent study done by a cyber security company for the Economic Times demonstrated that Tiktok and Helo wanted 45% more permissions than other similar applications. The application asks for permission to record voice, identify what other applications are running.

Questions: Why does the TikTok platform collect more information than others?
5. **Issue:** In 2019 Helo was found to be paying for over 11,000 morphed political ads on other social media platforms worth Rs. 7 Crore. Some of these ads were using morphed pictures of senior Indian political leaders.

Questions: What were these ads given on Facebook? Why was Helo advertising on Facebook that too morphed political ads?
6. **Issue:** Bytedance unlike Facebook/ Google has no third party fact checkers. They had hired Alt-news for training.

Questions: How many fact checkers do you have in India? Who all have you partnered with in this area?
7. **Issue:** Bytedance has committed to investing significantly in India. However, a large chunk of this money is effectively to fund google/ facebook ads to become the number 1 social media platform in India

Questions: How much do you spend on marketing / advertising in India? What percentage of your investment commitment is to advertise and not create jobs?