

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 702**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021**

**MISUSE OF SOCIAL MEDIA FOR ANTI-INDIA FEELING**

**702. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY**

**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether it is a fact that Government has constituted several Committees in the past to suggest a framework to keep a watch on social media;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof along with information about the recommendations of the Committees;**

**(c) whether Government issued any regulations, rules recently, to be followed by the social media groups in view of large scale misuse of social media and propagating anti-India feelings;**

**(d) if so, details thereof; and**

**(e) the details of number of social media groups that have complied with the rules and appointed nodal officers for addressing the complaints?**

## **ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND  
MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI ANURAG SINGH  
THAKUR):**

**(a) to (d) : Content on internet, including on Social Media, is governed by the Information Technology Act, 2000. The Government has notified Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Codes) Rules, 2021 under that Act on 25th February, 2021, a copy of which is available on the website of the Ministry i.e. [www.mib.gov.in](http://www.mib.gov.in).**

**The Rules inter-alia provide that intermediaries, including social media intermediaries, will follow certain due diligence laid down in the Rules. They are also required to publish privacy policy and terms of use of their platform and remove content that is in violation of any law presently in force when brought to their knowledge either through a court order or through a notice by appropriate government or its agency.**

**Further, the Rules also provide that the digital news publishers and publishers of online curated content (OTT platforms) follow the Code of Ethics laid down thereunder and not to publish or transmit any content which is prohibited by law.**

**(e): Implementation of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Codes) Rules, 2021 is an on-going process. All intermediaries, digital news publishers and publishers of online curated content (OTT platforms) defined under the Rules are required to comply with the Rules, including the requirement of redressal of grievances by Nodal Officers/Grievance Officers designated by them.**

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