GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1532

TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022

PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR IT RULES, 2021

1532. DR. FAUZIA KHAN:

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any public consultation was held for the draft version of the IT Rules, 2021, specifically; and
- (b) if so, whether comments were invited and also from concerned stakeholders regarding rules 4(2) and 4(4) insofar as they deal with protection of rights of women and children?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) and (b): Government's goal is to ensure an Open, Safe & Trusted and Accountable internet for its users.

As a part of consultation process, draft amendments to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 ("IT Rules, 2021") were uploaded on the website of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (www.meity.gov.in) for public feedback and input. Consultations were also held with stakeholders on the proposed amendments.
