

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 393
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2021

ACTION AGAINST SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM

393. SHRI ANIL DESAI:

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

- (a) the number of social media platforms permitted by Government to carry out their activities in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that various social media platforms operating in the country are required to observe some rules and regulations of Government; and
- (c) if so, whether there is any violation noticed and if so, the action Government has taken against persons responsible for violations?

ANSWER

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

- (a): The Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000 does not mandate for any permission from Government to operate as social media platform for their services rendered in India. They are required to follow law of the land including the IT Act and Rules notified therein.
- (b): Social media platforms need to comply with the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 and other applicable provisions of the IT Act.
- (c): In case of non-compliance with the Rules, the intermediaries including social media intermediaries shall lose their exemption under section 79 of IT Act and rule 7 of the above said Rules becomes applicable.
