

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2323
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2017

HATE MESSAGES THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiative to talk to the CEO's of the social media sites operating in the country in order to check the propagation of hate messages through these sites; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY)

(a) and (b): A large number of internet based social media platforms many of which are hosted by Foreign Service providers have proliferated over the past decades. These social media sites are being misused by anti-national elements for propagating hate message. Government is working closely with these service providers for setting up a mechanism for sharing of data for law enforcement purposes within the ambit of domestic law. A committee has also been formed to discuss the mechanism with social media companies to filter hate and other undesirable content on their platforms.
