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MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
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STRINGENT LAW AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY AND PIRACY

521. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government propose to bring stringent law against pornography and piracy; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a) and (b) : There are adequate legal provisions to deal with online pornography and piracy. Sections 66E, 67, 67A and 67B of the Information Technology Act, 2000 provides for the punishment and fine for violation of privacy, publishing or transmitting of obscene material and publishing or transmitting of material containing sexually explicit material and child pornography in electronic form.

Further, the Information Technology (Intermediaries Guidelines) Rules 2011 notified under section 79 of IT Act, *inter alia*, specifies that the intermediaries shall inform the users of their computer resource not to host, display, upload, modify, publish, transmit, update or share any information that is grossly harmful, defamatory, obscene, pornographic, paedophilic, harms minor in any way; infringes any patent, trademark, copyright or other proprietary rights violates any law for the time being in force; etc.

In addition, several other legislations such as the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, Indecent Representation of Women Act, 1986, Indian Penal Code have provisions to deal with pornography. Copyright Act, 1957 provides for punishment for piracy and copyright violations.
