

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 492
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.09.2020

HATE MESSAGES ON FACEBOOK

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the recent controversy over the alleged hateful messaging in Facebook and the chilling investigative report published in the Wall Street Journal in this regard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) : Government has taken note of media report published in Wall Street Journal entitled “Facebook’s hate-speech Rules collide with Indian politics, thereby trying to bias the democratic system of the country”. Minister for Electronics & Information Technology has written to CEO, Facebook about alleged bias of the platform and to ensure integrity and neutrality of the Facebook and the people working for Facebook. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology has already taken up the matter with Facebook.
