

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2338
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2022

**COMPLIANCE REPORTS UNDER THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RULES,
2021**

2338. DR. FAUZIA KHAN:

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

- (a) the total number of social media platforms in the country;
- (b) the number, along with details of social media platforms, complying with rule 4(1)(d) of Information Technology Rules, 2021 in a month-wise manner;
- (c) whether reports indicate segregation of posts and accounts removed by social media platforms by category of rule violated, firstly by format of content (text, audio, video, images, live streams, etc.), secondly by source of flag (Government, trusted flaggers, users, automated detection) and thirdly by locations of flaggers and impacted users (wherever necessary);
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons or obstacles in doing so?

ANSWER

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

(a): The Cyberspace is virtual and borderless where any online intermediary can operate from anywhere in the world. All social media platforms are internet intermediaries and there are large numbers of social media platforms accessible in India. Keeping precise count is not possible.

(b): Compliance of social media intermediaries to the the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 ("IT Rules 2021") is tracked by the Government as and when reported by the users alone. For significant social media intermediaries (SSMIs), the Government tracks their compliance with the IT Rules, 2021. All the SSMIs are in compliance with rule 4(1) (d) of the IT Rules, 2021, as of today.

(c) to (e): As per the rule 4(1)(d) of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 ("IT Rules 2021"), the significant social media intermediaries (SSMIs) are mandated to publish compliance report on their websites or apps, every month mentioning the details of complaints received and action taken thereon, and the number of specific communication links or parts of information that the intermediary has removed or disabled access to, in pursuance of any proactive monitoring conducted by using automated tools or any other relevant information.
