

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 734
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2022

MISUSE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

734. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

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

- (a) whether a senior official of the Ministry had a meeting with legal experts and privacy advocates to discuss various issues relating to making social media safer and to govern social media platforms in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether Government has since then taken any concrete and effective steps to check the misuse of social media by criminals and anti-national elements; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Government's goals are aimed at ensuring Open, Safe & Trusted and Accountable internet for its users. This Ministry regularly interacts with the concerned stakeholders in the cyber space to make social media platforms safer and more accountable to the citizens and the government and also being transparent in their services to the users. More recently, this Ministry also had a number of public consultations.

(c) and (d): The Government is aware of the risk and danger posed by growing phenomena of misuse of Internet & various social media platforms by criminals and other elements and the user harms caused as a consequence.

The Government takes action under section 69A of IT Act to block any information generated, transmitted, received, stored or hosted in any computer resource in the interest of sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of the State, friendly relations with foreign states or public order or for preventing incitement to the commission of any cognizable offence relating to above.
