

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *44
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 18.11.2016

REPORTING ONLINE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

***44 SMT. VANDANA CHAVAN:**

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether there is a complaint redressal platform to report the occurrence of online child sexual abuse, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of complaints received on online child sexual abuse from 2010-2016; and
- (c) whether Government has issued an advisory to the internet service providers to filter and block any objectionable images so far, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a) : Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 mandates that reporting of child sexual abuse in any form should be reported to special juvenile police unit or the local police. In addition, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has launched a portal 'e-Box' in August 2016 to register online, complaints of child sexual abuse.

(b) : National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has started collecting data on publishing or transmitting of material depicting children in sexually explicit act, in electronic form since 2014. As per information provided by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 749 and 792 cases were registered for online child sexual abuse during 2014 and 2015 respectively. In addition, the 'e-Box' portal of NCPCR has received 103 complaints from 26.08.2016 to 4.11.2016.

(c) : Department of Telecommunications has directed Internet Service Providers to block the Interpol's "Worst-of-list" (containing websites addresses of extreme child sexual imagery) provided by Central Bureau of Investigation on 29-09-2016.
