

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3424**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2021

**RESPONSE OF TWITTER AND FACEBOOK  
TO CONCERNS RAISED BY THE MINISTRY**

**3424 DR. SASMIT PATRA:**

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

- (a) the overall response of Twitter and Facebook to the concerns raised by the Ministry from time to time; and
- (b) if it has been unsatisfactory, the measures that the Ministry is considering to undertake with reference to Twitter and Facebook?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b): Under the provisions of section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) issues directions for blocking of information to intermediaries including Facebook and Twitter. The directions is issued following the due process as defined in "The Information Technology (Procedure and safeguards for blocking for access of information by public) Rules, 2009". The intermediaries including Facebook and Twitter, generally comply with the directions. In case of any non-compliance or delayed compliance, MeitY issues follow-up notices to intermediaries.

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