

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1525**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022

**STRENGTHENING ONLINE REGULATORY APPROACH**

**1525. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to strengthen its online regulatory approach and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government will reset the threshold for designating the Significant Social Media Intermediaries (SSMIs), as the current level of 5 million could be burdensome; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): Government's objective is to ensure an Open, Safe & Trusted and Accountable Internet for its users. In line with the above objective, the Government has notified the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Codes) Rules, 2021 ("IT Rules, 2021") under the Information Technology Act, 2000. Ministry has been taking steps to address the evolving concerns and also to ensure that the intermediaries including the social media intermediaries remain accountable and transparent to the citizens for their services in India.

(b) and (c): There is no such proposal.

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