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RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON: 12.12.2019

NEW RULES TO REGULATE SOCIAL MEDIA INTERMEDIARIES

2741. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to come out with new rules to regulate social media intermediaries;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the new Information Technology Intermediaries Guidelines (Amendment) Rules would be notified by January 15, 2020; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Social media platforms are Intermediaries within the context of the Information Technology Act, 2000. They need to follow certain due diligence as specified in the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines) Rules, 2011 notified under section 79 of the Act. Considering the growth of user base of intermediaries and technology innovation during the last few years, Government had proposed to amend the said rules and had invited public comments on the same. The amendment to the Rules are being finalised and it is likely to be completed by 15th January, 2020.
