

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3680
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2019

STORAGE SERVICE OF SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

3680. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether several social media sites like facebook, whatsapp, instagram are not keeping their storage services in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to safeguard the data and personal profile of Indian citizen on these sites?

ANSWER

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

(a), (b) and (c): Presently there are no restrictions on cross border transfers of such data. Government is considering bringing comprehensive data protection legislation in the country which is under formulation. The Government constituted a Committee of Experts on Data Protection, chaired by Justice (Retd.) Shri B.N. Srikrishna, Supreme Court of India to study various issues relating to data protection and come out with Data Protection Bill. The said committee has brought out a draft Personal Data Protection Bill (PDPB) on which consultations have been conducted and the bill is intended to be placed in Parliament soon. The Bill seeks to bring in place a culture of privacy by design and promoting concepts such as consent framework, purpose limitation, and data minimization among various other privacy-oriented concepts. It also proposes restrictions on cross border transfers of certain critical personal data.
