

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1510
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018)**

ILLEGAL RELEASE OF NEW FILMS

1510. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that many websites are involved in illegal release of new films;
- (b) the details of measure to contain piracy on new films releases in the country;
- (c) if so, whether some websites released pirated copies of just released/to be released movies in the country;
- (d) if so, whether any complaints have been received in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and action taken against those websites?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]

- (a) to (d): Instances have been brought to the knowledge of Government through a number of Court Orders, wherein Internet Service Providers (ISPs) have been directed to block identified illegal/infringing/rogue websites alleged to be showing pirated contents. Government has also been made a party in these cases primarily to insure compliance of Court orders as ISPs work under the license agreement with Department of Telecommunications (DoT). DoT further orders blocking of these websites/URLs as per the directions of the Court. In many, cases Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity) is also made a party. In such cases, the orders are forwarded to DoT for ensuring compliance by ISPs.

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has circulated a Draft Cabinet Note for inter-ministerial consultation for including penal provisions for making copy of a film during exhibition in cinema halls.

- (e) Certain websites that host predominantly copyright infringing material, as identified by industry, have been blocked on the basis on nonfulfillment of Know Your Customer (KYC) norms in collaboration with National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI). Short anti piracy films have been prepared by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion featuring film actors to raise awareness against piracy.
