

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1527
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2025

REGULATION OF OTT PLATFORMS

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to regulate the content of OTT platforms to ensure adherence to cultural and legal norms;
- (b) the number of complaints received against objectionable or misleading OTT content after the notification of the Information Technology Rules, 2021 and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether any OTT platform has been penalized or issued a notice for removal of content for violation of the code of conduct; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(DR. L. MURUGAN)**

(a) to (d): The Government has notified the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 on 25.02.2021 under IT Act, 2000.

- Part-III of the rules provides for a Code of Ethics for digital news publishers and publishers of online curated content (OTT platforms).
- OTT platforms are under obligation to not transmit any content which is prohibited by law for the time being in force.
- General guidelines in the Schedule to the Rules state that language, dialects, idioms, and euphemism differ across regions and cultures, and this should be considered while classifying a work into a particular category.

Complaints relating to the violation of the Code of Ethics are addressed under the provisions of the three-tier grievance redressal mechanism.

Section 79(3)(b) of IT Act, 2000 provides for notification to the intermediaries for removing/disabling access to unlawful content.

After due consultation with relevant Ministries, 43 OTT platforms have been blocked so far.
