### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2075 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2023

**FACT FINDING CHECKS ON FAKE REPORTS** 

2075. PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

#### Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Editors Guild or any other media organizations have objected on Government's existing fact finding checks on fake reports on visual and print media:
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the participation of print and visual media representatives in the fact finding team?

#### **ANSWER**

# THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has not received any such representation. A Fact Check Unit has been set up under Press Information Bureau (PIB) of this Ministry in November, 2019 which takes cognizance of fake news both suomotu and by way of queries sent by citizens on its portal, through email and social media. The Unit responds to the relevant queries in relation to matters concerning the Central Government with correct and updated information.

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