

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 609
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2024**

PIRATED CONTENT ON DIGITAL PLATFORMS

**609: SHRI DINESH LAL YADAV “NIRAHUA”:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:**

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

- a) whether the Government has taken any steps to remove pirated content on digital platforms;
- b) if so, the details thereof; and
- c) whether the Government has set up any mechanism to deal with the issue and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Cinematograph Act, 1952 has been amended in 2023, to include the provisions for addressing the issues of unauthorized recording and exhibition of films, to curb the menace of film piracy by transmission of unauthorized copies on the internet. The newly inserted section 7(1B)(ii) empowers the Government under section 79(3) of the Information Technology Act, 2000 for taking action against intermediaries hosting pirated content.

Under these provisions, an institutional mechanism has been established in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and the Central Board of Film Certification for receiving complaints from the original copyright holders of cinematograph films or by persons authorized by them and/or any other person, regarding exhibition of pirated/infringing copies of films on the internet, and issuing notification to the intermediaries for disabling access to such links.
