

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2132
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23/09/2020**

REGULATION FOR ONLINE VIDEO CONTENT

2132. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans for regulation of OTT platform and online video content;
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to restrict streaming companies and censorship of OTT platform/online video content by implementing new legislation on OTT platform and online streaming of videos; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE;
MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND
MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a) to (d): Content over internet are regulated under the Information Technology Act, 2000. The said Act has various provisions relating to nature of content that is prohibited.

Online video streaming services providing curated content are expected to follow various content related domestic laws as applicable to them. In addition, web channels, which are intermediaries under that Act, are required to follow certain due diligence as prescribed in the Information Technology (Intermediaries Guidelines) Rules, 2011.
