

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2145
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23/09/2020**

PORTRAYAL OF OBSCENITY AND VIOLENCE ON TELEVISION

**2145. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:**

Will the Minister of **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that too much portrayal of obscenity and violence on television in the form of web series is creating a negative impact on children and youths and if so, reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to setup a screening body for web series on the lines of Censor Board of Film Certification;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take stringent corrective measures to check the negative impact of rising depiction of obscenity and violence in web series on the children and youths in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) other corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

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 (e): All programmes and advertisements telecast on private satellite TV channels are regulated in accordance with the Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and the Rules framed there under. The Government takes action in cases where Programme/ Advertisement Codes are found to be violated by the private TV channels, including issuance of advisory, warning, running an apology scroll and in extreme cases, directing the channel to be off air for a certain time duration.

Content over internet, including web series are covered under various provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000, including content which is specifically prohibited.
