

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2402**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH MARCH, 2021/ PHALGUNA 18, 1942 (SAKA)

ONLINE REPORTING OF ILLEGAL CONTENT

2402. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch a trial programme under which citizens can volunteer to report illegal and unlawful content that may include rape, child pornography, terrorism and other anti-national activities online;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has defined the legal constituents of an act reported as anti-national, illegal or unlawful content under this programme in its objectives and mandate;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether concerns of infringement of privacy due to surreptitious and malafide intrusion into an individual's online activities are addressed in this programme and its operating protocol; and,

(f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (f): 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. States/UTs are primarily responsible for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of crimes through their Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs).

The challenges of cyber space are many which flow from its vastness and borderless character. MHA has established Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) in New Delhi to provide a framework and ecosystem for Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) to deal with cyber crimes in coordinated and comprehensive manner. Cyber Crime Volunteer Framework has been rolled out as an initiative as a part of cyber hygiene promotion to bring together citizens to contribute in the fight against cybercrime in the country and assist State/UT LEAs in their endeavor to curb cyber crimes. The volunteers will be enrolled and their services utilized by the respective State/UT Police Authorities, as per their requirement.
