

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2006

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30th JULY, 2021

DIGITAL NEWS PORTAL

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any regulatory framework for digital news portal;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the number of news portals registered in the country, State/UT-wise and language-wise?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND
MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS**

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR):

a) &(b): Government has notified Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, on 25th February, 2021 under Information Technology Act, 2000. A copy of the Rules is available on the website of the Ministry i.e. www.mib.gov.in. These Rules inter- alia provide for the following:-

- i. Code of Ethics to be followed by publishers of news & current affairs on digital media and publishers of online curated content (OTT Platforms);**
 - ii. A three-level Grievance Redressal Mechanism for time bound redressal of grievances/complaints relating to the violation of Code of Ethics by the publishers; and**
 - iii. Furnishing of information by the publishers to the Government and periodical disclosure of information in public domain regarding grievance redressal.**
- c) : The Rules provide for digital news publishers to furnish certain information to the Government; registration is not a requirement. Over 1800 digital news publishers have furnished requisite information to the Government.**
