GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2690 TO BE ANSWER ON: 07.08.2024

GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM

2690 SMT. APARAJITA SARANGI: SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGYbe pleased to state:

(a) whether the Significant Social Media Intermediaries have complied with the new grievanceredressal mechanism; and

(b) if so, the number of cases filed and disposed of by the Grievance Appellate Committeesover the past year?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) and (b): The Government after extensive public consultations with relevant stakeholders has notified the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 ("IT Rules, 2021") on 25.02.2021 which were subsequently amended 28.10.2022 and 6.4.2023. The IT Rules, 2021 cast specific legal obligations on intermediaries, including significant social media intermediaries to ensure their accountability towards safe and trusted internet.

The number of cases filed and disposed of by the Grievance Appellate Committees, since its inception from 1st March, 2023 to 30th June 2024, are as follows:

- Cases filed:1,065
- Cases disposed of: 937
