

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 592
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 23.07.2025

GLOBAL RISKS REPORT 2025

592. DR. M P ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the findings of the Global Risks Report 2025 that identifies misinformation and disinformation as the top short-term global threat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government plans to establish international coalitions to address cross-border disinformation?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Global Risks Report 2025 was published by World Economic Forum. Government of India was not involved in development of the report.

In order to protect users in India from potential risks and harms posed by misinformation and disinformation Central Government has notified the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 under the Information Technology Act, 2000.

These Rules cast specific obligations on intermediaries, including social media intermediaries, to make reasonable efforts themselves and to cause their users not to host, display, upload, publish, transmit or store any information that constitutes misinformation, is patently false, untrue or misleading in nature, or that knowingly or intentionally violates any law.

Additionally, section 353 of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 deals with spread of misinformation and disinformation and provides penalty for the act of making false or misleading statements, rumours, or reports that can cause public mischief or fear.

The Government actively engages with international forums, including platforms such as the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI), G20 Digital Economy Working Group, and Bilateral Cyber Dialogues, to strengthen cooperation in combating cross-border misinformation and disinformation.
