

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3182

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COMMITTEE ON PAID NEWS

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) to examine the issue relating to 'paid news';
- (b) if so, the terms of reference of the said GoM; and
- (c) the time by which the GoM is likely to submit its report to the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. JATUA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms of reference of GoM are as follows:

to examine the 'Report on Paid News' prepared by the Press Council of India, and

to give its views on a comprehensive policy and institutional mechanism to address the phenomenon of Paid News.

(c) No time limit has been specified for the GoM for submission of its report to the Government.