

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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Tampering of Web Page
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of Communications & Information Technology be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the wikipedia page on Jawaharlal Nehru has been subject to unscrupulous alteration;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action/ steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(b) and (b): On 1st July, 2015, it was published in various media reports that Wikipedia profile of Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, ex-Prime Minister of India was edited with some objectionable comments. Wikipedia had subsequently reverted the changes as per their policy.

As per the information published on Wikipedia website, it is a multilingual, web-based, free-content encyclopedia project supported by 'Wikimedia Foundation' based on a model of openly editable content. 'Wikimedia Foundation' is US based non-profit organization that operates Wikipedia and other free knowledge projects. Wikipedia provides an open platform for anonymous volunteers to write articles on any subject. Further, the articles available on the Wikipedia website can be edited by any user having internet access, except in limited cases where editing is restricted to prevent disruption or vandalism. Thus, users can contribute anonymously hiding their identity, unless the users choose to use their real names.

(c): Actions have been initiated to investigate into the incident and determine the source of edit.
