GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
**LOK SABHA**
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3634**
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 08.08.2018


**SAFETY FROM FAKE NEWS**

**3634.    SHRI HARISH MEENA:**

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

(a)    the steps taken by the Government to educate people to stay safe from fake information being circulated on social media;

(b)    whether the Government  proposes to create a platform where a citizen can identify fake news or hoaxes; and

(c)    if so, the details thereof

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)


(a):   Government has taken several initiatives for user awareness relating to cyber safety. The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) issues advisories about cyber safety and security. Ministry of Electronics and Information technology (MeitY), through a program namely Information Security Education & Awareness (ISEA), has been highlighting the importance of following the ethics while using Internet and advice not to share rumours/fake news. Government has also asked WhatsApp to convey various steps taken by them to deal with fake news and also to share learning material to educate the same.

(a)   and  (c) :    Presently, there is no such proposal with MeitY.

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