

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO-103
ANSWERED ON-05.03.2018
Telecast of fake and paid news

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- (a) whether Government has any proposal to constitute a set up for controlling fake news and paid news by Indian Television Channels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether Government intends to hand over the controlling mechanism to Press Council of India; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 103 FOR ANSWER ON 05.03.2018

(a) to (d) Presently there is no such proposal. However, as per existing regulatory framework, all programmes and advertisements telecast on private satellite TV channels are required to be in conformity with the Programme and Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Cable Television Network Rules, 1994 framed thereunder. These codes contain wide range of parameter to be followed while carrying programmes and advertisements on such TV channels. There is no provision for pre-censorship of the programmes.

In so far as Print Media is concerned, in pursuance of its policy to uphold the freedom of the press, the Government does not interfere in functioning of the press. Press Council of India (PCI) is a statutory autonomous body set up under the Press Council Act, 1978 to maintain and improve the standards of newspapers and news agencies in the country and also to inculcate the principle of self-regulation among the press.
