

# Govt got 75% of unlawful URLs blocked in 1.5 years

**New Delhi:** Social media companies complied with nearly three-fourths of requests received from Indian law enforcement agencies over the past one-and-a-half years for blocking content and web pages deemed as unlawful under section 69A of Information Technology Act, 2000.

Junior minister Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, disclosed that of the 2,245 requests conveyed to companies, including Facebook, Twitter, You-

Tube and Instagram for blocking of objectionable URLs, 1,662 were complied with.

As per compliance data for 2017 and 2018 (till June) put out by Ahir, Facebook had complied with nearly 89% of the requests received for blocking of objectionable content/URLs under the IT Act. YouTube accepted 83.5% of the recommendations received from the law enforcement agencies. Instagram and Twitter had blocked only 44% and 56% of the requested URLs respectively. **TNN**