

Social media firms may be told to station grievance staff in India

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The government on Thursday outlined several steps to curb misuse of the social media platforms, including requiring them to submit their services and other applications to the jurisdiction of Indian courts and authorities by having a physical presence in India.

In addition, the government is seriously considering framing rules to ensure that all social media platforms should be required to locate their grievance officer in India, Electronics and IT

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Centre asks platforms to submit services to jurisdiction of courts by having physical presence in India

PLATFORM	USERS IN INDIA
FACEBOOK	19.4 CRORE
WHATSAPP	20 CRORE
YOUTUBE	4.2 CRORE
TWITTER	2.6 CRORE

Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said. Making a statement in the Rajya Sabha during a calling attention motion notice on the misuse of social media platforms and propagation of fake

news causing unrest and violence, Prasad said in addition to reinforcing the legal provisions to make the platforms more accountable, the government would also promote initiatives to increase awareness among the citizens to become adept in noticing fake news.

A campaign to educate schoolchildren about the misuse of social media for propagation of false news will be taken up. "The state governments will also be asked to join the effort to spread awareness about the use and abuse of social media," Prasad said.