RTI- Set 2

RTI - 01

Subject: Requesting information, under Section 6(1) of the RTI Act, regarding the implementation of the **'Voluntary Code Of Ethics for 2019 General Elections'** presented by the Social Media platforms to the Election Commission of India (ECI). The Code came into effect on March 20, 2019, as notified by ECI Press Note (refer- ECI/PN/33/2019).

The information needed pertains to the Election Commission of India (ECI), as per details given below:-

1. Provide the following information regarding the complaints/violations reported to ECI Social Media Nodal Officers on the following e-mail ID: media-division@eci.gov.in since February 1, 2024. (refer to Page 69, Hand Book on Media matters of CEOs & DEOs) —

    a. Total number of complaints/violations received by ECI Social Media Nodal Officers every year since February 1, 2024.
    b. Total number of complaints/violations filed for each of the following statutes—
        i. Representation of the People Act.
        ii. Indian Penal Code (IPC).
        iii. Election Commission of India's Conduct of Election Rules.
        iv. Model Code of Conduct
    c. Total number of complaints/violations received by ECI Social Media Nodal Officers from each of these social media platforms since February 1, 2024 —
        i. X (previously known as 'Twitter')
        ii. Facebook
        iii. Instagram
        iv. YouTube
        v. WhatsApp
    d. Provide a copy of all the complaints/violations reported by all the Social Media Nodal Officers at State/Union Territory levels to ECI Social Media Nodal Officers (refer to 'Proforma for reporting Violations', Page 69, Hand Book on Media matters of CEOs & DEOs.). Include the following details:
        i. Source of violation/case (Platform),
        ii. Clickable link,
        iii. Brief of the violation/case,
        iv. Provision violated (specific legal provision violated); and
        v. Transcript.

RTI - 02

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Election Commission of India (ECI). The Code came into effect on March 20, 2019, as notified by ECI Press Note (refer- ECI/PN/33/2019).

The information needed pertains to the Election Commission of India (ECI), as per details given below:-

1. Provide the following information about the notifications and/or takedown orders sent by ECI Social Media Nodal Officers to social media platforms via their 'high priority and dedicated grievance redressal channel', in accordance with the 'Voluntary Code of Ethics for 2019 General Elections', flagging the violations of Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and other applicable electoral laws —

    a. Total number of takedown orders sent by ECI Social Media Nodal Officers from March 1, 2024 to June 4, 2024, in accordance with the 'Voluntary Code of Ethics for 2019 General Elections' to—
        i. X (previously known as 'Twitter')
        ii. Facebook
        iii. Instagram
        iv. YouTube
        v. WhatsApp.
    b. Provide a copy of all the takedown orders sent by ECI Social Media Nodal Officers, from March 1, 2024 to June 4, 2024, in accordance with the 'Voluntary Code of Ethics for 2019 General Elections' to —
        i. X (previously known as 'Twitter')
        ii. Facebook
        iii. Instagram
        iv. YouTube
        v. WhatsApp .
    c. Total number of all other notifications sent by ECI Social Media Nodal Officers from March 1, 2024 to June 4, 2024, in accordance with the 'Voluntary Code of Ethics for 2019 General Elections' to—
        i. X (previously known as 'Twitter')
        ii. Facebook
        iii. Instagram
        iv. YouTube
        v. WhatsApp.
    d. Provide a copy of all the other notifications (except takedown orders) sent by ECI Social Media Nodal Officers, from March 1, 2024 to June 4, 2024, in accordance with the 'Voluntary Code of Ethics for 2019 General Elections' to
        i. X (previously known as 'Twitter')
        ii. Facebook
        iii. Instagram ,
        iv. YouTube
        v. WhatsApp .

2. Provide the details about the actions taken by the following social media platforms with respect to corresponding reported violations including taking down the respective post and the time taken by the social media platforms to address every complaint/report.
    a. X (previously known as 'Twitter')
    b. Facebook
    c. Instagram
    d. Youtube
    e. WhatsApp

3. Provide the following details about the notifications and/or takedown orders sent by ECI to social media portals flagging the surrogate advertisements (refer Press Release), running on the respective portals since March 20, 2019. —
    a. Total number of notifications and/or takedown orders sent to all the social media portals.
    b. Total number of notifications and/or takedown orders sent to —
        i. X (previously known as 'Twitter)
        ii. Facebook
        iii. Instagram
        iv. YouTube
        v. WhatsApp.

RTI - 03

Subject: Requesting information, under Section 6(1) of the RTI Act, regarding the implementation of the **'Voluntary Code Of Ethics for 2019 General Elections'** presented by the Social Media platforms to the Election Commission of India (ECI). The Code came into effect on March 20, 2019, as notified by ECI Press Note (refer- ECI/PN/33/2019).

The information needed pertains to the Election Commission of India (ECI), as per details given below:-

1. As per the 'Commitments' (refer to Point 2) promised under the 'Voluntary Code of Ethics for the General Elections 2019', were there any training sessions imparted to the nodal officer(s) at ECI on the products/ services of Facebook, Instagram, X (previously known as 'Twitter'), YouTube and other social media portals, including mechanism for sending requests as per procedure established by law? If yes, please provide the following details, since January 1, 2024, for the same —

    a. Date of the session
    b. Name and designation of all the participants
    c. Duration of the training
    d. Topics covered under the training

2. Provide the complete details of all the measures taken by the following social media platforms to facilitate transparency in political advertisements as intimated to the ECI since March 20, 2019. (refer Point 6 of 'Voluntary Code of Ethics'; and Page 18, point 6; page 106, point (ii), sub-point (v) of 'Handbook for Media', 2019) .

a. X (previously known as 'Twitter)
b. Facebook
c. Instagram
d. Youtube
e. WhatsApp