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The power to block online content must be used sparingly by GoI with sensitivity towards freedom of speech.

Discuss.

The Government ordered to remove 45 videos from YouTube over propagation of hate and offence. The videos were spreading hate against Kashmir and misinformation regarding Ajniphath.

Blocking online content

The Government has invoked sec (69) of the Information Technology Act to block the videos which was approved by the apex court. The content generated once transgresses the public order and creates unrest the move is justified. The reasonable restrictions under 19(2) are breached writes blocking of content.

Towards sensitivity

The review committee must be strengthened with respect to content removal.

In the Saber Mathew case right to internet was inferssed as fundamental right.

This right is available to everyone. There must be suitable mechanism to impart transparency in the review process.

The contents such as child porn, hate speech must be banned. The recent Megh Chakra and Operation Carbon by CBI to curb child porn to be highlighted.

At the same time the Supreme court held that freedom to circulate one's view is lifeline of any democratic constitution is the

LIC vs Prof. Marubhai case.

with more than 750 million internet users and Draft telecommunication bill in place the blocking of ~~any~~ online content will be greatly, but regulate without crushing dissent voices in the essence of democracy.