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3 It is great opportunity for the government - to adopt a co-regulatory model of speech regulation of online speech. Disun

The mobile phone users in the country is increasing, presently there are 650 million users. A much accommodated speech regulation online can ease the spread of misinformation which causes clashes such as mob lynching and witch hunting, etc

Government regulations to control online speech

① The Information technology digital media ethics code mandates the platforms to establish grievance redressal mechanism.

② Government mull to establish the Grievance Appellate committee

③ Section 69-A of the Information Technology to restrict the spread of content on the lines of national security.

④ Draft Telecommunications Bill regulates the over the top communication services as telecommunications services.

Towards co-regulation

① The Government ~~to~~ must follow due process in regulation. The Digital Services Act of European Union, restricts the contents for good reasons and the internet users can challenge the decision.

② Platforms can regulate under the broad government guidelines, this will give the platform enormous autonomy over the content.

③ The flexibility of the platforms to delete the harmful content can reduce the strict mandates of the governments.

④ The governments can outsource platforms for online regulation as they are good at addressing challenges.

Grey areas such as deprioritisation of content must be reduced and accountability must be increased via algorithmic transparency.