

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

Grievance redressal mechanism has been voluntary in social media before IT Rules, 2021 was brought, which made it mandatory for Intermediaries. Recently Government has amended the rules to create a Grievance Appellate Committee to strict the content moderation in social media similar like section 69A of IT Act.

Grievance Appellate Committee

Social media today has million of users, democratized itself to several users. with increasing users, there also raises hate speech and problems eg: Hate speech against Rishingyary. Oversight of Government for content moderation through recent committee may not be sustainable. There is a need for change in government framework and form a modern Intermediary Law.

Co-regulation & content moderation

Modern Intermediary law must encompass not only government order as necessary one, but also satisfy due process.
eg: Ev's Decent - Digital Services Act - enable Intermediaries to challenge government order to remove content and also defend themselves and promote free speech online.

Co-regulation

Platforms working on content moderation, in complying to governments broad guidelines.

Benefits on Content Moderation.

1. Promote Autonomy to Intermediaries; in content moderation.
2. Flexibility to platforms to evolve to standards of increasing hate crimes.
3. preventing private censorship, which may happen due to government oversight and prevents innovation which is backbone of digital economy.
4. Align with both Government and Intermediary interests
eg: Intermediaries work to prevent disinformation during pandemic.
5. Government can outsource content moderation to ^{those} best equipped to overcome challenges.

Beyond this, platform accountability can be ensured by algorithmic transparency.

Way forward

Content moderation can be enhanced through co-regulation, as it provides autonomy flexibility to Intermediaries. Digital India Act can be the ^{Page} way forward as continuation to IT Act.