

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding spreading of fake news/messages on social media.

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE (BARAMATI): Owing to false rumours on social media about child-lifters and thieves, persons were lynched by mob in Maharashtra in June-July, 2018. In a recent incident in Dhule district of Maharashtra, five persons from nomadic community who had gone to ask for food, were beaten to death on suspicion of being child-lifters. Such incidents of mob lynching are rampant across the country. In such cases of fake news proliferation, I request the Government to respond immediately and clarify the truth to its citizens. As a preventive measure, I also urge the Government to immediately undertake measures to curb rapid spread of fake news/ messages on social media.