Objectionable Content

The Ministry of Electronics and IT has highlighted that around 1300 social media URLs were blocked or removed in the last year. These were based on the recommendation of a government committee to deal with “objectionable content”.

The Information Technology (IT) Act 2000 and Indian Penal Code provides for dealing with “objectionable content” posted online. Blocking is a sovereign power that is given to the government by virtue of Section 69A of the IT Act. There are concerns with the parameters on deciding a particular content as 'inappropriate' or 'objectionable'.