Government of India

Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)

MeitY Website Cell

New Delhi-110003

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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Circulation of Fake Information in the Name of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology

It has come to the notice of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) that fake Notice having subject **Strict Ban on Using Government Recruitment Names, Logos, and Exam Content for Selling Courses or Promotional Activities dated 25 November, 2025 (Fake Notice attached at page no. 2)** is being circulated through social media (WhatsApp) which has no significance. Certain individuals and/or online platforms are circulating misleading and unauthorized information by falsely using the name, logo, and authority of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY). Such actions are illegal and constitute a serious offense under the Information Technology Act, 2000 and other applicable laws.

The general public and stakeholders are hereby advised:

1. **Do not believe or forward any unverified messages**, advertisements, or communications claiming to be issued by MeitY.
2. **Always verify information** only through the official website and communication channels of the Ministry.
3. MeitY **has not authorized any third party** to collect fees, personal data, or provide job offers, subsidies, grants, or digital services without official notification.
4. Any person found involved in the creation or circulation of fake information will face **strict legal action**.

For any clarification or to report suspicious content, please contact at email webmaster@meity.gov.in or Official Website link https://www.meity.gov.in

The Ministry urges all citizens to remain cautious and help in preventing the spread of misinformation in cyberspace.

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NOTICE

New Delhi, 25 November, 2025

Subject: Strict Ban on Using Government Recruitment Names, Logos, and Exam Content for Selling Courses or Promotional Activities.

It is hereby notified that no YouTube channels, Telegram groups, coaching centres, websites, or social media pages is authorised to use the names, emblems, or examination content - including notifications, question papers, answer keys, cutoff data, previous paper analysis, or any material resembling official content, etc - of any Government Recruitment Board for commercial purposes or promotional activities.

Several platforms are misusing official exam names (SSC, RRB, UPSC, IBPS, Defence, State Boards etc.) to:

- Sell paid courses and batches
- Promote study materials and mock tests
- Publish unofficial keys and cutoffs
- Analyse previous question papers
- "Official-looking" content or advertisements

Such actions are unauthorised, misleading, and illegal.

Punishments for Violation:
Anyone found violating these rules will face strict legal action.

Under Indian Penal Code (IPC):

- Section 170 – Impersonation of a public authority, Up to 2 years imprisonment + fine.
- Section 420 – Cheating and fraud, Up to 7 years imprisonment + fine.

Under IT Act, 2000:

- Section 66D – Online impersonation / cheating, Up to 3 years imprisonment + ₹1,00,000 fine.

Under Emblems & Names Act, 1950:

- Improper use of Government names/emblems, Fine up to ₹5,000 and/or 6 months imprisonment.

Under Consumer Protection Act, 2019

- Misleading advertisements, Fine up to ₹10 lakh + account suspension.

Platform Action (IT Rules 2021)

- Permanent blocking of YouTube/Telegram channels
- Removal of misleading content
- Suspension of accounts involved