

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1952
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2019

**MISUSE OF DATA BY COMPANIES TO MANIPULATE
ELECTORAL PROCESS**

1952. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that companies are misusing data of India to manipulate the electoral process;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has warned such companies which were misusing the said data for the said purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (d): There had been some media reports about leakage of personal data. Government took notice of one such instance about leakage of data by Facebook and Cambridge Analytica, though these companies have claimed that there had been no misuse. Government has asked CBI to conduct an enquiry in the matter.
