











## Request for Clarification on YouTube **Registration Status in Nepal**



Dear YouTube/Google Public Policy Team,

On behalf of the Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP), we are writing in light of the Government of Nepal's recent official decision to close access to social media networks that are not registered within the country. This directive applies to all major platforms, including YouTube, and carries significant implications for millions of users in Nepal.

YouTube holds a uniquely important role in Nepal — it is not only a source of entertainment but also a vital platform for education, digital innovation, entrepreneurship, journalism, and the creative economy. For countless young people, teachers, small businesses, and media organizations, YouTube has become an essential tool for learning, income generation, and civic engagement. Its continued availability is therefore in the public interest.

At the same time, compliance with national law and

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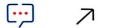
















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At the same time, compliance with national law and respect for Nepal's sovereignty are paramount. In this regard, we request your urgent clarification on the following points:

- What steps has YouTube/Google taken so far toward registration in Nepal in line with this government directive?
- 2. What challenges or barriers are preventing immediate compliance?
- 3. Could you provide a clear timeline or roadmap for registration to ensure YouTube remains accessible to Nepali users?

We strongly urge YouTube to take this matter with the highest priority. Timely compliance will not only align YouTube with Nepalese legal requirements but will also reassure millions of citizens who rely on the platform daily.

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We kindly request a substantive response as soon as possible.

Sincerely, Bipin Kumar Acharya Joint General Secretary Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP)

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