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Online Gaming Industry in India: Behavioural Issues & Legal Challenges

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Abstract:

Digital gaming has been in demand in the recent past leading to a spurge in online gaming industry. The online gaming activities have lead to many behavioural issues among gamers which has made the regulatory authorities consider regulating the industry in a lawful manner. Behavioural issues are causing excessive addiction, pain inflicting tendency on self, monetary implications such as incurring financial debts, and lesser attention span among minors and gamers. This case study analyses the method of operation of the gaming industry, behavioural issues that need to be addressed, and legal lacunae or dichotomy in regulating this industry. With an intention to frame laws on this aspect, a bill was presented before the Lok Sabha on The Online Gaming (Regulation) Bill, 2022 which is not yet passed. Few States have also passed State legislation governing online gaming industry. This case study is an attempt to understand this framework for ensuring a safe environment for internet users.

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