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Revised MeitY FAQs drop the hotspot exception for cameras

MeitY's FAQs of October 30, 2026 cover any camera whose video feed can be accessed over a network as a CCTV camera, and drop the hotspot exclusion.

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Set beside FAQ 85 of MeitY's FAQs of October 19, 2026, the new answer no longer says the feed is accessed "by a defined group of users", and it adds 3G to the networks it lists. The October 19 answer kept out of 'CCTV Camera' a standalone recording device with recorded data retrievable "only through physical/local means (e.g., memory card/USB) or a temporary, non-persistent hotspot connection without cloud/remote access". The October 30 answer keeps only "physical means (e.g., memory card/USB)". It also drops the opening sentence that coverage "is to be assessed primarily on the functionality of the product", and the table that gave the coverage status of dashcams, body-worn cameras, thermal cameras and smart video doorbells one by one. That table said a dashcam with remote viewing "shall comply with the ER for Security"; the October 30 document does not mention the ER for Security.

MeitY's IPHW Division, Electronics Niketan, New Delhi, issued the document, headed "Frequently Asked Questions". It sets out 89 questions and answers, carries no reference number and was digitally signed by Saurabh Ranjan on October 30, 2026. MeitY's document repository and the FAQs section of its ESDM Standards page list it, uploaded the same day, as "Modified FAQs on Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021". It ends with a note: "This document supersedes all previous documents issued on the subject matter." It does not list those documents or say from what date the revised answer applies. It says nothing about cameras already registered under 'Video/Digital Camera'. It is not a Gazette notification and does not say it amends the Order.

The other 88 answers say the same in substance as on October 19. The changes there fix spelling and punctuation (FAQs 2, 4 and 59), correct "Compulsory Regulation Order" to "Compulsory Registration Order" (FAQs 22 and 23) and restyle list lettering (FAQs 81 and 86). They still cover, among other things, wearable glasses and the November 1, 2028 last date of concurrent running in the move from IS 13252 (Part 1):2010 to IS/IEC 62368-1:2023.

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Document	Frequently Asked Questions, 89 questions and answers, no reference number; listed by MeitY as "Modified FAQs on Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021"
Dated	October 30, 2026
Applies to	Goods notified under the Electronics and IT Goods (Requirement for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021
Takes effect	Not stated
Supersedes	"all previous documents issued on the subject matter"; the document lists none
Earlier version	MeitY's FAQs dated October 19, 2026, 89 questions and answers
'CCTV Camera' category (FAQ 85)	A camera device whose video feed can be accessed/monitored over a network (WiFi/3G/4G/5G/LAN/Bluetooth, etc.), irrespective of its physical form factor, mounting or nomenclature
Not covered under 'CCTV Camera' (FAQ 85)	A camera which functions purely as a standalone recording device, with recorded data retrievable only through physical means (e.g., memory card/USB); it would fall under 'Video/Digital Camera', as applicable
No longer in FAQ 85	"by a defined group of users"; the opening sentence that coverage "is to be assessed primarily on the functionality of the product"; "local" means and "a temporary, non-persistent hotspot connection without cloud/remote access" in the exclusion; the product-by-product table, with its line that a dashcam with remote viewing "shall comply with the ER for Security"
Other answers	Same in substance as on October 19, 2026; spelling, punctuation and list lettering fixed in FAQs 2, 4, 59, 81 and 86, and the Order's name corrected in FAQs 22 and 23
Signed by	Saurabh Ranjan (digital signature, October 30, 2026)

FAQ 85: the October 19 and October 30, 2026 wording

Part of FAQ 85	October 19, 2026	October 30, 2026

Question	"How is the coverage of various special-purpose / hybrid camera products (such as dashcams, body-worn cameras, thermal cameras, smart video doorbells, etc.) to be assessed under the 'CCTV Camera' category?"	"Whether special-purpose / hybrid camera products (such as dashcams, body-worn cameras, thermal cameras, smart video doorbells, etc.) are covered under the 'CCTV Camera' category?"
How coverage is assessed	"Coverage under the CCTV Camera category is to be assessed primarily on the functionality of the product, rather than on its nomenclature, form factor, or mounting arrangement."	Sentence removed
Covered under 'CCTV Camera'	A camera "whose video feed can be accessed/monitored over a network (WiFi/4G/5G/LAN/Bluetooth, etc.) by a defined group of users"	A camera "whose video feed can be accessed/monitored over a network (WiFi/3G/4G/5G/LAN/Bluetooth, etc.)"
Examples in the answer	None in the answer itself; the products are in the question and the product table	"(e.g., DashCams, Body-Worn Cameras, IP Thermal Cameras, Smart Video Doorbell, etc.)"
Not covered under 'CCTV Camera'	A standalone recording device "with recorded data retrievable only through physical/local means (e.g., memory card/USB) or a temporary, non-persistent hotspot connection without cloud/remote access"	A standalone recording device "with recorded data retrievable only through physical means (e.g., memory card/USB)"
Where those cameras fall	"would fall for consideration under the 'Video/Digital Camera' category, as applicable"	"would fall under the category of 'Video/Digital Camera' category, as applicable"
Product table	Coverage status of dashcams, body-worn cameras, thermal cameras and smart video doorbells; a dashcam with remote viewing "shall comply with the ER for Security"	Removed; the ER for Security is not mentioned

The FAQs (PDF, 556 KB)

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