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Sub: Application under RTI Act, 2005 from Shri Shagun Belwal

Sir,

With reference to your RTI application on the above subject, it is hereby informed that point wise reply to your queries is as follows:

Answer 1: Since, January 1, 2012 till December, 31, 2012, January 1, 2013 till December, 31, 2013 and January 1, 2014 till December, 31, 2014, Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY) has issued directions to block a total of 708, 1349 and 2341 URL's respectively. Barring few numbers, all URL's were blocked on the orders of the Court.

Answer 2, 3 and 5: Further, as per the provision of Rules 16 of the Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguard for Blocking for Access of Information by Public) Rules, 2009, notified under section 69A of the Information Technology Act 2000, the request and complaints received and actions taken thereof are strictly confidential. Copies of these rules are available on this Department's website www.deity.gov.in.

Answer 4: DeitY can issue instruction for blocking on the requests received from any person forwarded through Nodal Officer or Chief Secretary of State or Advisor to Administrator for union territories following the procedures provided in the IT Rules 2009, section 69A (http://deity.gov.in/sites/upload_files/dit/files/downloads/itact2000/Itrules301009. pdf) or through orders from Indian Court.

Answer 6: Since, January 1, 2012 till December, 31, 2012, January 1, 2013 till December, 31, 2013 and January 1, 2014 till December, 31, 2014, Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY) has issued directions after review to unblock a total of 4, Nil and 32 URL's respectively.

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