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ORDER SHEET

IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

W.P. No. 4994 of 2014

Bolo Bhi, etc.

Vs

FOP, etc.

S. No. of order/proceedings	Date of order/proceedings	Order with signature of Judge and that of parties or counsel where necessary.
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01. 15-12-2014. Mr Babar Sattar, advocate for the petitioners.

The petitioner is a not-for-profit organization, inter alia, geared towards protection and promotion of the expression of speech. The petitioner has brought to the notice of this Court, Notification dated 29-08-2006, and the Directive dated 25-05-2012.

2. The learned counsel contends that the Ministry of Information Technology has no legal authority to block websites and assume the role of a Regulator. The learned counsel further contends that the petitioner has sought information regarding such websites, which have been blocked, but the respondents have refused to provide the information. It appears to this Court that the Notification dated 29-08-2006, and the Policy Directive dated 25-05-2012, are, inter alia, in violation of Article 19-A of the Constitution. Moreover, the respondents have to explain as under what authority and law are they exercising the powers of blocking websites.

3. The questions raised need consideration. Admit. Notice.

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4. The respondents shall file a report and parawise comments within a fortnight.

C.M. No. 02 of 2014.

Notice. In the meanwhile, the Committee constituted vide Notification dated 29-08-2006, shall not give any direction for blocking a website without the approval of this Court. The respondents are also directed to place on record details of the websites, which have been directed to be blocked in the last three years. The minutes or the record of the meetings held in the last three years may also be produced before this Court on the next date of hearing.

C.M. No. 01-E of 2014.

Exemption sought for is allowed, subject to all just and legal exceptions. C.M. stands disposed of.

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**(ATHAR MINALLAH)
JUDGE**

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High Court
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