

Section 69A of the IT Act, 2000 empowers Government to block information from public access under specific conditions of : (i) interest of sovereignty and integrity of India, (ii) defence of India, (iii) security of the State, (iv) friendly relations with foreign States or (v) public order or (vi) for preventing incitement to the commission of any cognizable offense relating to above.

MeitY strictly follows the due process as defined in The Information Technology (Procedure and safeguards for blocking for access of information by public) Rules, 2009.

The para-wise information is provided below. MeitY, some times shall not share information because information sought by applicant falls under Rule 16 of Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking for Access of Information by Public) Rules, 2009, which states strict confidentiality shall be maintained regarding all the requests and complaints received and actions taken thereof or data is not maintained in the form as desired by the applicant. *Further*, Section 69A of The Information Technology Act, 2000 and its matters are related to sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of Nation, relation with foreign State. Thus, it attracts provisions of 8(1)(a) of the RTI Act 2005.

**Input for (1): The details are updated and published in MeitY Website. The latest information of the same is also attached for reference.**

**Input for (2): The details are updated and published in MeitY Website. The latest information of the same is also attached for reference.**

**Input for (3): A Gazette Notification is issued for appointing the Designated Officer and is publicly available. Same is also attached for reference. As per Rule 7 of the Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking for Access of Information by Public) Rules, 2009, the Designated Officer is the chairperson and the officers not below the rank of Joint Secretary in Ministries of Law and Justice, Home Affairs, Information and Broadcasting; and Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) are members.**

**Input for (4): As and when the request is received from Nodal Officer(s), the meeting of the Committee constituted under Rule 7 will be scheduled allowing 48 hours time to the intermediary/publisher to submit their views. The meetings of the Committee constituted under Rule 7 held 39 and 53 times in the year 2021 and 2022 respectively.**

**Input for (5): The data is not maintained in the form as desired by the applicant. Further, Committee constituted under Rule(7) of the Rules 2009 had recommended for issuing blocking directions of total 6268 Twitter URLs under section 69A of IT Act from 1st **January 2021** to 31st **December 2022**. As per Rule 16 of Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking for Access of Information by Public) Rules, 2009, strict**

**confidentiality shall be maintained regarding all the requests and complaints received and actions taken thereof.**

**Input for (6): The data is not maintained in the form as desired by the applicant. The Committee constituted under Rule(7) of the Rules 2009 had recommended for issuing blocking directions to block a total of 6096 and 6775 URLs during year 2021 and 2022 respectively under section 69A of IT Act, which include all type of URLs, i.e. webpages, websites, specific pages on social media platforms, etc.**

**Input for (7, 8, 9): The data is not maintained in the form as desired by the applicant. Each and every recommendation of the Committee constituted under Rule(7) of the Rules 2009 is put up for approval of Secretary, MeitY. No case is exist where Committees recommendation is left out for approval of Secretary, MeitY. Thus approval of Secretary MeitY is obtained on file by Designated Officer in all 6096 and 6775 URLs during 2021 and 2022 respectively before issuing the blocking directions.**

**Input for (10 & 11): MeitY is not a part of the Review Committee. As per Rule 14, the Review Committee shall meet at least once in two months and as per Rule 16 of Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking for Access of Information by Public) Rules, 2009, strict confidentiality shall be maintained regarding all the requests and complaints received and actions taken thereof.**