

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that obscenities and vulgarities are being openly displayed through certain websites in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to take any steps to check pornsite and ban such websites;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): Yes, Sir. A Sub-Group of Committee of Secretaries (COS) on Security has been constituted to take a comprehensive view on this subject. A public Appeal was issued in leading newspapers requesting suggestions on this matter. It is though technically not possible to ban all such websites as most of them are hosted outside India.