GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:404 ANSWERED ON:02.03.2005 BANNING OF PORN SITES IN CYBER CAFES Rao Shri Devarakonda Vittal

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Uttar Pradesh Government has completely banned viewing of porn sites in cyber cafes in the State as reported in the Hindu, dated February 1, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has any plan to ban viewing of porn sites in cyber cafes all over India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) and (b): Uttar Pradesh Government has issued instructions on 14.01.2005 directing cyber cafes not to allow viewing of pornography sites. The order also stipulates that as far as possible there should not be any independent cabins and the displays for Internet access should be in open halls in cyber cafes.

(c) and (d): The Government had issued guidelines on the monitoring of cyber cafes.