

# SENATE OF PAKISTAN



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Mr. Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif,  
P.M. Secretariat,  
Islamabad.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

The ban on YouTube is of great concern to the citizens of Pakistan. It would be in the fitness of things for you to ask the ministry concerned to lift the ban on YouTube.

Both the committees on IT in the National Assembly and the Senate took up the matter of the ban on YouTube. The Senate Functional Committee on Human Rights passed a Resolution on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2014 recommending that the ban on YouTube should be lifted. Besides the Lahore High Court has gone through an extensive process to include the input of stake holders and come out with a clear answer that it is for the IT Ministry to lift the ban on YouTube.

Pakistan is the only country in the world which has a ban on YouTube and thus the people of Pakistan are being denied a great source of knowledge and information available to the rest of the world.

Now that Pakistan has moved towards IT advancement and revolutionizing the sector through the sale of 3G and 4G, the ban on You Tube is incomprehensible.

The people look to you to move Pakistan in the right direction. Please have ban on YouTube removed.

Thank You.

Yours sincerely

Senator Nasreen Jalil