

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



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Mr. Mian Muhammad Nawaz Shareef
Prime Minister of Pakistan
Prime Minister House, Islamabad.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Nasreen Jalil

I am repeating myself but the fact remains that the YouTube is of immense concern to the people of Pakistan. They expect that sense will prevail and you will have the IT Ministry remove the ban on YouTube immediately.

Since last writing to you on 24th April, 2014 on the subject, the National Assembly has unanimously passed the resolution against the ban on YouTube. Earlier both the Senate and National Assembly Committees on IT had taken up the matter in their meetings. The Senate Functional Committee on Human Rights passed a Resolution on 21st April, 2014 recommending that ban on YouTube should be lifted. At the same time the Lahore High Court has given a clear verdict that it is for the IT Ministry to lift the ban. The Lahore High Court arrived at the decision after an extensive process of consultations and input taken from the stake holders.

No other country except Pakistan still has a ban on YouTube which has denied Pakistanis an easily accessible source of knowledge and information.

Pakistan through the sale of 3G and 4G moved the country towards faster communication services, revolutionizing and advancing the IT sector. The continuing ban on the YouTube is a sign that negative forces have taken root and Pakistan remains shackled to the conservative and the outmoded mindset. Dear Prime Minister, have the ban on YouTube removed. People of Pakistan will remember you as a symbol of progress and advancement.

Yours sincerely

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