

Form No: HCJD/C-121.

ORDER SHEET

IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

W.P. No. 4994 of 2014

Bolo Bhi, etc.

Vs

FOP, etc.

| S. No. of order/ proceedings | Date of order/ proceedings | Order with signature of Judge and that of parties or counsel where necessary. |
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03. **15-01-2015.** Ms Ameena Sohail and Mr Nasir Ayyaz, advocates for the applicant.
Mr Babar Sattar, advocate for the respondents / writ petitioners.
Mr Misbah ul Mustafa, advocate for the respondent / PTA.

C.M. No. 24 of 2015.

The learned counsel for the applicants / respondents No.1 & 2 has argued the case at length. This Court is not satisfied that for the purposes of Article 19-A of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, the Inter-Ministerial Committee is vested with powers under the law to regulate or to place reasonable restrictions by way of giving directions for blocking of websites. The learned counsel during the course of arguments has stated that the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority is vested with powers to regulate under the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority Re-organization Act, 1996. The learned counsel for the respondents / writ petitioners has requested that he may be allowed to file reply to the application filed on behalf of the applicants / respondents No.1 & 2. He is allowed to file the reply. At this stage, it would be appropriate to hear the Chairman, PTA.

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2. The Chairman PTA shall appear in person to assist this Court on the question as under what law is the Inter-Ministerial Committee dictating orders to an independent statutory regulatory authority. The Chairman shall also assist this Court and explain as to how the subject which is assigned to the Inter-Ministerial Committee is being regulated under the Act of 1996. The Chairman P.T.A. shall also provide the details of websites which have been blocked on the orders of the I.M.C.

3. Let the case be fixed for 20-01-2015 at 2:00 p.m. The respondents are directed to file the comments before the next date of hearing.

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(ATHAR MINALLAH)
JUDGE

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