

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1900
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 03.07.2019

BANNING OF WEBSITES

1900. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of Electronics & Information Technology be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to ban websites that encourage online betting, betting games, etc. and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Delhi High Court has pronounced a judgement in which it refrained from a complete ban on such websites;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Delhi High Court has issued any notice to the Government in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (d): “Betting and Gambling” are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. States/UTs are primarily responsible for prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of crimes related to betting and gambling through their law enforcement machinery.

A writ petition (Civil) No. 5661 of 2019 has been filed in Hon'ble Delhi High Court. The petitioner has prayed for banning of illegal betting sites. Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Ministry of Finance and Reserve Bank of India have been made respondent in the case. The matter is sub-judice.
