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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

**PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 52 OF 2013  
WITH  
CHAMBER SUMMONS (L) NO. 36 OF 2016**

Priscilla Samuel ... Petitioner  
vs.  
Union of India & Ors. ... Respondents

Ms. Priscilla Samuel, petitioner appears in person.  
Mr. Anil Singh, ASG a/w. Mr. D.P. Singh for respondent no. 1/UOI.  
Mr. Rohit Deo, Acting A.G. a/w. Mr. J.S. Saluja, AGP for respondent no. 2/State.  
Ms. Trupti Puranik, Advocate for respondent no. 12.  
Ms. Swati Sawant i/b. S.K. Legal Associates, Advocate for respondent nos. 8 and 9.  
Ms. Nikita Bhansali i/b. Wadia Ghandy & Co. for prop. Respondent no. 14.  
Ms. M.A. Adenwalla for Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

**CORAM: A.S. OKA &  
MRS. MRIDULA BHATKAR, JJ.  
DATE : AUGUST 4, 2016.**

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We have heard learned Additional Solicitor General of India who relies on Advisory issued on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 by the Department of Electronics and Information Technology of Government of India to the matrimonial websites and matrimonial mobile applications etc. A framework which is required to be adopted by the matrimonial website is

also a part of such advisory.

2. The learned Acting Advocate General relied upon section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000. He submitted that the Union of India is blocking various websites containing pornographic material by taking recourse to Section 69A. The question is whether Union of India can exercise powers under section 69A to block the matrimonial websites which are indulging in illegalities. Learned ASG seeks time to address the Court on this issue.

3. Place the PIL under the caption “Directions” on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

**(MRIDULA BHATKAR, J.)**

**(A.S. OKA, J.)**