

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 01.04.2015

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The Hon'ble MR.SANJAY KISHAN KAUL, CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
The Hon'ble MR.JUSTICE M.M.SUNDRESH

W.P.No.27033 of 2012
and
M.P.No.1 of 2012

K.M.Aasim Shehzad ... Petitioner

-vs-

1.The Union of India,
rep. by the Secretary to the Government,
North Block,
New Delhi-110 011.

2.Ministry of Information & Broadcasting,
rep. by the Secretary,
A Wing Shastri Bhawan,
Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road,
New Delhi-110 015.

3.Ministry of Communications &
Information Technology,
rep. by the Secretary,
Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO Complex,
Lodi Road,
New Delhi-110 003.

4.Google India Pvt. Ltd.,
rep. by its Board of Directors,
8th and 9th Floor, Tower C,
Building No.8,
DLF Cyber City,
Gurgaon-122 002.

.. Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issue of Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents, their officers and subordinates, to strictly enforce the blocking of access and ensure that the anti islam film "Innocence of Muslims" is not accessible from India through electronic or other media in public interest.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.V.Balasubramaniam

For Respondents : Mr.Su.Srinivasan

Asst. Solicitor General for R1 to R3

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by The Hon'ble Chief Justice)

The petitioner seeks strict enforcement of blocking of the access qua the film "Innocence of Muslims", which is alleged to be anti Islamic.

2. It is not in dispute that the film has been banned by the Government of India. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that despite the ban, it is available on certain links, through YouTube.

3. The Government of India, to examine this aspect and make every endeavour to ensure that the ban is effective.

4. The writ petition, accordingly, stands closed with the aforesaid direction. No costs. Consequently, M.P.No.1 of 2012 is also closed.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

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