

PARLIAMENT OF INDIA
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Press Release

COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

Petition praying to put a check on Cyber Pornography by amending the IT Act, 2000

The Committee on Petitions of Rajya Sabha, under the Chairmanship of **Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, MP, Rajya Sabha**, is considering a petition praying to put a check on Cyber Pornography by amending the IT Act, 2000. The petition is signed by Jainacharya Vijaya Ratnasundersuriji and three others and countersigned by Shri Vijay J. Darda, MP, Rajya Sabha. It has been stated in the petition that more than two-third of the India's population is below of 35 years. This large section of the population, which is the hope for the country's future, is getting digressed, distorted and distressed on account of the growing free sex culture through cyber pornography. Petitioners have further stated that Cyber pornography is creating an extremely bad effect on the adolescent children and even adults giving rise to various types of problems of psycho-physical nature, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD), sexual deformities etc. This is also instrumental in raising incident of sexual exploitation of children. Today, besides computer and television, the mobile phone become a very handy source for adolescents to view such porn sites.

2. The petitioners have made a vehement prayer that steps be taken to check cyber pornography which is having an extremely bad effect on the country's youth as well as the adults leading to various types of social and medical problems as well as perpetration of crime. In this connection, they have advocated for amendment in IT, 2000, so as to make pornography on computer/mobile a crime entailing severe punishment to the producers, distributors and viewers of such sites.

3. The petition is available on the Rajya Sabha's website (www.rajyasabha.nic.in) under the link: *Committees* → *Standing Committees* → *Committee on Petitions* → *Petitions with the Committee*. A copy of petition may also be obtained through a written request addressed to **Assistant Director, Committee Section (Petitions), Room No. 537, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.**

4. The Committee has decided to undertake consultations with the wide cross-section of the society and invite written memoranda thereon. Those desirous of submitting memoranda to the Committee may send two copies (either in English or in Hindi) thereof to **Shri R.P. Tiwari, Deputy Director, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi – 110 001 (Tel: 011-23035577(O), 23794328 (Telefax) and E-mail: rsc2pet@sansad.nic.in)** latest by 30th July, 2013.

5. Comments/suggestions, etc. submitted to the Committee would form part of its record and would be treated as confidential. Any violation in this regard may attract breach of privilege of the Committee.

6. Those who are willing to appear before the Committee besides submitting written comments/suggestions may indicate so. However, the Committee's decision in this regard shall be final.
