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\* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 7789/2023

SUBLIME SOFTWARE LTD

..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. Bhuvan Mishra, Mr. Yash Maheshwari, Mr. Arjun Adrian Dsouza and Mr. Krishna Kanhaiya Kumar, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA

..... Respondent

Through: Mr. Vaibhav Gaggar, SPC with Mr. Vedansh Anand, Govt. Pleader. Ms. Shefali Munde and Mr. Utkarsh Tiwari, Advs.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD**

**ORDER**

**19.09.2023**

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1. The present Writ Petition has been filed for a direction to the Respondents to produce the reasons for blocking the open-source messaging application of the Petitioner called 'Briar'.
2. It is stated that by a report dated 15.02.2023, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has blocked 14 mobile apps including the Petitioner's App.
3. Learned Counsel for the Petitioner relies on Section 69A (1) & (2) of the Information Technology Act 2000, to contend that any order of blocking any resource on internet must be supported by reasons.
4. Issue Notice.



5. Mr. Vaibhav Gaggar, learned SPC, accepts notice.
6. Let a counter affidavit be filed by the Respondent stating the reasons for blocking the App of the Petitioner herein.
7. List on 02.11.2023.

**SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD, J**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

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