January 10, 2012

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To,

The Public Information Officer, Controller of Certifying Authority, Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi- 110003

Sir,

Sub: Application under the Right to Information Act, 2005

This is with reference to the power powers provided to the Controller of Certifying Authority(CCA), under Section 28 of the Information Technology Act.

I, Ms. Talish Ray, Software Freedom Law Center, K-9, Second Floor, Birbal Road, Jangpura Extension, New Delhi-110014, wish to seek the following information:

- Under Section 28, of the Information Technology Act, 2000 the Controller of Certifying Authority (CCA) has the power to investigate any contraventions of the provisions of the Act. Please provide us information as to how many requests / references have been received by CCA for such investigation from Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, or other agencies of the Government of India as well as the state Governments in the last three years.
- Kindly provide us with the number of notices issued under Section 28 of the I.T Act to various service providers/ intermediaries seeking details for the purposes of an investigation in the last three years.
- Kindly provide us the names of all such service providers/ intermediaries who have been issued such notices.
- 4. Kindly provide us the number of service providers/ intermediaries on whom a fine under Section 44(A) of the IT Act has been levied.
- 5. Kindly provide us with the information with regard to the methodology followed by CCA for the scrutiny of requests sent by the Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of Home

Affairs, or other agencies of the Government like for a notice to be issued to service providers/intermediaries. Please provide us any rules/guidelines or file notes that may have been prepared for the procedure to be followed with respect to such requests.

Software Freedom Law Center(SFLC) is a Non Profit Organization that provides legal representation and other law-related services to protect the digital civil liberties of citizens. We have an interest in ensuring that any restrictions on the digital freedom and privacy of citizens are introduced only after the due process of law. The information sought below for is in the larger interest of the state and its citizens.

If the information sought herein is with any other public authority please transfer the application to such authority within a period of five days (as per S.6(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005) and inform me of such transfer and related communication.

I am a 'Citizen' of India and I am requesting for this information as a 'Citizen'. I am enclosing a Postal Order for Rs.10/- dated 10.01.2012, favoring the Accounts Officer, Controller of Certifying Authority, towards the requisite fee. I am ready to pay any expenses related to making photocopies of documents on intimation of the same.

Yours faithfully,

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