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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

+ LPA 797/2024 & CM APPL. 47382/2024

SUBLIME SOFTWARE LIMITED THROUGH MICHEL ROGERS

.....Appellant

Through: Mr. Bhuvan Mishra, Mr. Arjun Adarian Dsouza, Mr. Tanmay Mishra, Mr. Yash Maheshwari and Mr. Krishna Kanhaiya Kumar, Advocates

versus

UNION OF INDIA

Through:

.....Respondent Mr. Vaibhav Gaggar, SPC with Ms. Shefali Munde and Mr. Utkarsh Tiwari, Advocates

CORAM: HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TUSHAR RAO GEDELA

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<u>ORDER</u> 21.08.2024

1. Present appeal has been filed challenging the impugned judgment dated 2nd July, 2024 passed by the learned Single Judge in W.P.(C) 7789/2023, whereby the writ petition filed by the appellant challenging the blocking order passed by the respondent/UOI under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2001 read with the Information and Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking of Access of Information by Public) Rules 2009 for blocking the open source messaging application of the appellant called 'Briar' was dismissed on the grounds of national security and adherence to confidentiality stipulated under Rule 16 of the Blocking Rules.





2. After some arguments, learned counsel for the appellant, on instructions, states that keeping in view the peculiar facts and circumstances of this case, he does not wish to further challenge the impugned blocking order. He, however, prays that a redacted copy of the blocking order and/or summary of the blocking order be furnished to the appellant.

3. This Court is of the view that the request made by learned counsel for the appellant is fair and reasonable.

4. The statement given by learned counsel for the appellant is accepted by this Court and the appellant is held bound by the same.

5. Keeping in view the aforesaid, this Court disposes of the present writ petition with a direction to the respondent to furnish to learned counsel for the appellant, a redacted copy of the blocking order and/or summary of the blocking order dated 4^{th} May 2023 with two weeks.

ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

TUSHAR RAO GEDELA, J

AUGUST 21, 2024 Aj