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To,

Secretary, Union of India, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Electronics Niketan, 6th CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

Subject:- Demand Notice for seeking imposition of ban on mobile game, namely, PUBG (Player Unknown's Battle Grounds), which is destroying the new generation, particularly school-going children, thereby darkening the future of the Nation.

Sir,

I hereby serve the following Demand Notice on you:-

1. That mobile game called "PUBG" (Player Unknown's Battle Grounds) has become very popular amongst the school going children, who are now more attracted to this game than to their studies, or for that matter, their homework. They remain glued to the mobile phone watching and actively participating in the aforesaid mobile game. They are virtually addicted to this game, and remain glued to their mobile phones for the purpose of watching this game even for 4 or 5 hours every day. Player Unknowns Battle Grounds is a Hunger Games-style competition where 100 players face off with machine guns and assault rifles until only one is left standing. After China's Tencent Holdings Ltd. introduced a mobile version of the death match that's free to play, it has become the most popular smart phone game in the world. The addiction of children to such a game is causing following negative effects on the children:-

1. The children by getting addicted to PUBG, face certain mental and physical health issues, which neither the children nor their parents are aware of.

2. This game is a violent game; and excessive violence triggers aggressive thoughts, emotions and behaviour, which ultimately affects the mental health

of the player, which leads to gaming addiction. Playing too much PUBG can make the children less productive. This is not good for their mental health. The entire game teaches the children as to how to catch hold of the targeted person and to kill him. It virtually an attempt to convert the children into future criminals and murderers.

3. The children end up becoming socially less active, particularly those children who spend their entire day for playing PUBG thereby ending up becoming less socially active.

4. This game promotes bad physical health. The children just sitting around one place and go on playing for long hours which is not good for their physical health. They tend to become lazy. Further, stare at the computer screen for long hours affects their eye sight and gives rise to headaches also.

5. The children who are addicted to playing PUBG, get easily stressed out or face anxiety issues in public, due to lack of social interaction.

6. PUBG disrupts the sleeping pattern of the children, since they are sitting in front of computer screen for long hours, it makes hard for them to sleep even if they finally decided to call it a day.

7. As a single game of PUBG takes an hour to complete even if a child plays 5 matches a day, it means that he is wasting about 4-5 hours every day doing nothing productive.

I would therefore, submit that just like addiction to drugs, which has destroyed the youth of our country, particularly in the States like Punjab, this PUBG game also has the potential to destroy the coming generation, i.e. our school going children, who are losing interest in studies and have become addicted to PUBG game. The parents of such children are helpless. In case they insist on the children to give up their game, the children become aggressive, and go into depression also because they have been addicted to playing PUBG. The inevitable result is that some parents themselves are oing into depression.

You may also recall that the game “Blue Whale”, which was also resulting into addiction of the children including youth, who were committing suicide eventually at the instance of the anchors of the said game, had eventually to be banned. It is also pertinent to state that as per news reports, the Government of Nepal has already imposed a ban on the aforesaid PUBG game. There is no reason why India should not follow suit for the purpose of saving our future generation, i.e., our children. Similar concrete action is

required to be taken for banning PUBG game also as initiated by the Government of Nepal.

I would therefore, call upon you to take appropriate steps for imposing ban on PUBG game immediately, by directing all internet service providers of the country to block internet traffic originating from PUBG servers.

In case I do not hear from you within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of this notice by you, which is being sent by speed post, in that event, I would be left with no other alternative except to approach the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh by filing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) for seeking the redressal of my aforesaid legitimate grievance, in public interest.

Meanwhile, please acknowledge receipt of this notice.

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