

## Rule 9: Blocking of Information in cases of emergency

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in rules 7 and 8 the Designated Officer, in any case of emergency nature, for which no delay is acceptable, shall examine the request and printed sample information and consider whether the request is within the scope of sub-section (1) of section 69A of the Act and it is necessary or expedient and justifiable to block such information or part thereof and submit the request with specified recommendation in writing to Secretary, Department of Information Technology.

(2) In case of emergency nature, the Secretary, Department of Information Technology may, if he satisfied that it is necessary or expedient and justifiable for blocking for public access of any information or part thereof through any computer resource and after recording reasons in writing, as an interim measure issue such directions as he may consider necessary to such identified or identifiable persons or intermediary in control of such computer resource hosting such information or part thereof without giving him an opportunity of hearing.

(3) The Designated Officer at the earliest but not later than forty-eight hours of issue of direction under sub-rule (2) shall bring the request before the committee referred to in rule 7 for its consideration and recommendation.

(4) On receipt of recommendations of committee, Secretary, Department of Information Technology, shall pass the final order as regard to approval of such request and in case the request for blocking its not approved by the Secretary, Department of Information Technology in his final order, the interim direction issued under sub-rule (2) shall be revoked and the person or intermediary in control of such information shall be accordingly directed to unblock the information for public access.