

TITLE: Anuradha Bhasin v. Union of India (2019)

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CITATION

(2020) 3 SCC 637 | Supreme Court of India | 2019

CASE

Anuradha Bhasin v. Union of India

FACTS

Challenges to movement and internet restrictions in J&K after constitutional changes; press and business impacts were pleaded.

LEGAL ISSUES

What limits apply to internet shutdowns and speech/press restrictions?

LAW / PROVISIONS

Articles 19(1)(a), 19(1)(g); Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services Rules; proportionality.

HOLDING

Freedom of speech and expression online is protected; indefinite shutdowns are impermissible; orders must meet proportionality, and restriction orders should be published / available for challenge.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Internet access is integral to modern speech and trade ? restrictions need law + proportionality.

3. Still the lead cite for shutdown litigation.

#### SIGNIFICANCE

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Leading authority on internet shutdowns and online speech.

#### PRIMARY SOURCE

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<https://indiankanoon.org/doc/82303471/>

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