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LETTERS

BANNING WEBSITE

Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, New Delhi in a letter dated 12th May 2006 addressed to M/s Spectrum Softech Solutions Pvt Ltd, Kochi states : It has been found that the website www.pcoplesmarch.com, running on IP address 202.146.192.161 which is under your control is hosting anti-national contents. You may be aware that hosting of such websites is punishable under law.

While answering an unstarred question No 3413 in Rajya Sabha on 17th May, 2006 whether it is a fact that the naxalilcs have now become 'hi-tech' by launching their own website the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs Sri Sriprakash Jaiswal stated the Central Government can also issue instructions to Internet Service Providers for blocking of such websites in India (which was blocked on 15th May 2006). In truth it's a psycho-war on progressives.

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ERASING KING'S LEGACY

The recent death of Coretta Scott King and the massive public memorial held in her honor, marked an end in a phase of Civil Rights History. Coretta Scott King had been the principal force-behind the establishment of the federal holiday honoring the life and legacy of her husband, Dr, Martin Luther King, Jr in 1986. Yet Coretta King's death forces today's proponents of racial justice to ponder serious questions about how Dr King's holiday has been subverted from its real political meaning.

Only days before Coretta King's death, newspapers and the electronic media had widely documented the deep disarray within both the King family and Atlanta's King Center. In December, 2005, the King Center board, controlled by younger son Dexter King, announced it was considering selling the center for \$11 million to the National Park Service. Dexter's decision immediately provoked public protests from the elder son, Martin Luther King, III, and Bernice King.

To truly honor Martin's legacy and ideals means that people must rededicate themselves as a nation to the eradication of poverty, hunger, and the lack of medical care for all Americans. America is the wealthiest nation on earth, yet 46 million of American citizens lack basic medical coverage for themselves and their families. America has the greatest material affluence the world has ever witnessed, yet several million children will go to bed hungry tonight, while millions more remain trapped beneath the double burden of personal debt and poverty. This is the living legacy of Dr King.

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