

Violation of programme code and norms by TV channels

2709. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the programme code and norms prescribed by Government for the operation of TV channels in the country;
- (b) whether Government has received complaints against a number of TV channels found violating programme code and norms;
- (c) if so, the details thereof during each of last three years, channel-wise and the details of the norms which have been violated by these channels along with action taken by Government thereon, channel-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken for strict follow-up of the programme code and norms by all TV channels as prescribed by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) to (d) Content telecast on private satellite TV channels is regulated in accordance with the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and the Rules framed thereunder. There is no provision of pre-censorship of the content telecast on such TV channels. However, all programmes telecast on such TV channels are required to adhere to the Programme Code prescribed under the said Act and the Rules framed thereunder. Action is taken whenever any violation of the said code is noticed or brought to the notice of the Ministry. The said code contain a whole range of parameters to regulate programmes on TV channels. The relevant Programme Code Rule 6 is available on the Ministry's website *i.e.* www.mib.nic.in The details of action taken against TV channels for telecasting programmes in violation of the Programme Code during the last three years and the current year are given in Statement (*See below*).

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting grants permission for Non-News and Current Affairs and News and Current Affairs TV channels in accordance with the Policy Guidelines for Uplinking/Downlinking of Satellite TV Channels. Permission holder companies are reviewed from time to time for compliance of uplinking and downlinking guidelines and action is taken whenever violations of the Guidelines are brought to the notice of the Government.

The existing provisions contained in the Programme Code and Guidelines are considered adequate to regulate the content on TV channels.

Statement

Action taken on violation of Programme and Advertisement code by Private TV channels in last three years and current year

Year-2012

Sl. No.	Name of the Channel	Reason for Show Cause Notice	Details of action taken
1.	SSTV	Telecast of programme titled 'Sizzling Hits' showing obscene and vulgar content	An Order 08.02.2012 was issued to the channel prohibiting the transmission of the channel for seven days.
2.	All channels	News programmes on movement of troops	An Advisory dated 11.04.2012 issued to all channels, NBA, IBF, NBSA & BCCC .
3.	FX channel	Telecast of programme 'Harper's Island', 'Crash', 'Mad Men Sutra', 'Frasier', 'Saving Grace' and 'Scoundrels' showing obscene visuals	A Warning dated 18.04.2012 was issued to the channel.
4.	Sony TV	Telecast of hindi feature film 'The Dirty Picture' during day-time	A letter dated 20.04.2012 was issued to the channel directing it not to air the Hindi feature film 'The Dirty Picture' during day time.
5.	Sony TV	Telecast of hindi feature film 'The Dirty Picture' in view of Order of Allahabad High Court.	A letter dated 21.04.2012 was issued to the channel directing it not to air the Hindi feature film 'The Dirty Picture' during day time.
6.	Fox Crime	Telecast of programmes 'Sleeper Cell' and '1000 ways to die' showing obscene visuals.	A Warning dated 08.05.2012 was issued to the channel.

7.	Sony Pix	Telecast of some English feature films, containing content offending good taste and decency.	A Warning dated 16.05.2012 was issued to the channel.
8.	Channel [V]	Telecast of programme 'Love Net 2' containing indecent, vulgar and obscene content	A Warning dated 28.05.2012 was issued to the channel.
9.	News Live	Telecast of a news-item defaming an individual.	A Warning dated 28.05.2012 was issued to the channel.
10.	All News & Current Affairs channels	Reference dated 13.07.12 from NCPCR for issue of directive w.r.t. protection of Identity of Children in need of care and Protection and Juveniles in conflict with law.	A Directive dated 08.08.2012 was issued to the all News & Current Affairs channels.
11.	ETNow	Telecast of a programme "Brand Equity" showing direct promotion of " Kingfisher Beer"	A warning dated 12.09.2012 was issued to the channel.
12.	Star Cricket	Telecast of advertisement of "VB Best Coke Beer" during the telecast of Australia Vs. New Zealand Test Series on 4.12.2011	A warning dated 12.09.2012 was issued to the channel.
13.	All News & Current Affairs channels	Telecast of programmes as news-items showing clippings from films not certified for unrestricted public exhibition	An Advisory dated 19.09.2012 was issued to the channel.
14.	Zee Trendz	Telecast of programme 'Bikini Destination' containing obscene, indecent and vulgar visuals	An Advisory dated 05.11.2012 was issued to the channel.

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15.	All News & Current Affairs channels	Direct Telecast of the events round the clock relating to public demonstration likely to encourage violence and against maintenance of law and order and likely to promote anti-national attitude.	An Advisory dated 23.12.2012 was issued to the channel.
16.	All News & Current Affairs channels	Direct Telecast of the events round the clock relating to public demonstration likely to encourage violence and against maintenance of law and order and likely to promote anti-national attitude.	An Advisory dated 29.12.2012 was issued to the channel.
Year-2013			
17.	Enterr 10	Telecast of Hindi feature film 'Musafir', 'Plan' and 'Ashiq Banaya Apnne'- 'A' certified films.	Order dated 08.01.2013 was issued to the channel prohibiting the transmission of the channel for one day.
18.	Zing	Telecast of Hindi feature film "Hawas" - 'A' certified film.	Order dated 08.01.2013 was issued to the channel prohibiting the transmission of the channel for one day.
19.	Manoranjan TV	Telecast of Hindi feature film "Topless" - "A" certified film.	Order dated 08.01.2013 was issued to the channel prohibiting the transmission of the channel for one day.

20.	SSTV	Telecast of Trailer of the film "Friends with Benefits" which was not certified by CBFC for telecast on TV channels.	Order dated 08.01.2013 was issued to the channel prohibiting the transmission of the channel for one day.
21.	FTV	Telecast of an advertisement of Vodka on 2.3.2011 in a programme Fashion TV Launch Party.	An Advisory dated 17.01.2013 was issued to the channel.
22.	Sadhna TV	Telecast of programme " Adhyatamik Gyan Charcha" showing content contemptuous of religious groups, defamatory and content likely to encourage violence.	A Warning dated 06.03.2013 was issued to the channel.
23.	Comedy Central	Telecast of Programme "The Wonder Years" showing content against good tests and decency and child denigrating.	An Advisory dated 28.03.2012 was issued to the channel.
24.	FTV	Telecast of programme "Desigers in High Definition" on 11.9.11, "Chantellie Lingrie, Paris" on 12.09.11 & "Lingerie" on 15.09.11 and "15th Anniversary-Top Designers" showing obscene and women denigrating content	An Order dated 28.03.2013 was issued to the channel prohibiting the transmission of the channel for 10 days.
25.	NDTVGoodTimes	Telecast of programme "Life a Beach" during April-May, 2011 showing obscene and women denigrating content	An Advisory dated 02.04.2013 was issued to the channel.

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26.	Mahuaa	Telecast of Hindi feature film 'Aulaad' and 'Ek Aur Kurukshetra' - 'A' certified films.	An order dated 25.04.2013 was issued to the channel prohibiting the transmission of the channel for one day.
27.	AXN	Telecast of Hindi feature film 'Darkness Falls' - 'A' certified film.	An order dated 25.04.2013 was issued to the channel prohibiting the transmission of the channel for one day.
28.	Movies Ok	Telecast of Hindi feature film 'Dil Jale' - 'A' certified film.	An order dated 01.05.2013 was issued to the channel prohibiting the transmission of the channel for one day.
29.	Comedy Central	Telecast of programme "Stand Up Club"	An order was issued on 17.05.2013 prohibiting the transmission of the channel for 10 days.
30.	IBN7	Telecast of the Advertisement of "Axe Shower Gel" containing vulgar and indecent content.	Order dated 29.05.2013 was issued directing the channel to furnish an undertaking regarding not airing such ads in future.
31.	Sandesh News	Telecast of programme "Aaj No Mahima, Desh Ni Gruh Dasha" showing superstition and blind relief.	An Advisory issued on 07.06.2013 to all TV channels including this channel.
32.	All channels	Telecast of a programme which showing superstition and blind belief.	An Advisory dated 07.06.2013 issued to all channels.
33.	MTV	Telecast of the advertisement of "Axe Shower Gel" containing vulgar and indecent content.	Order dated 17.06.2013 was issued directing the channel to furnish an undertaking regarding not airing such ads in future.

34.	VH1	Telecast of advertisement of "Axe Shower Gel" showing obscene and women denigrating content.	Order dated 17.06.2013 was issued directing the channel to furnish an undertaking regarding not airing such ads in future.
35.	Colors	Telecast of advertisement of "Axe Shower Gel" showing obscene and women denigrating content.	Order dated 17.06.2013 was issued directing the channel to furnish an undertaking regarding not airing such ads in future.
36.	News Time Assam	Telecast of programme revealing the identity of children caught inhaling drugs.	An order dated 05.09.2013 was issued to run apology scroll for two days.
37.	NTV	Telecast of News report showing contents offending good taste and decency and women denigrating.	An order dated 18.09.13 issued to the channel to run the apology scroll for three days.
38.	All News and Current Affairs channels	Telecast of inflammatory and provocative-news/ programmes in a sensational manner.	An Advisory dated 20.09.2013 was issued to the channel.
39.	Zoom TV	Telecast of Film "Teesri Aankh" - 'A' certified film.	An order dated 01.10.2013 was issued to prohibit the transmission or re-transmission for one day.
40.	ABN AndhraJyoti	Telecast of a song based programme on "Ide Mallea Velavani" containing obscene and women denigrating content.	An order dated 01.10.2013 was issued to the channel to prohibit the transmission or re-transmission for seven days.

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41.	Manoranjan TV	Telecast of 'A' Certified Hindi feature film "Ek Chatur Nar"	Order was issued on 17.05.2013 to prohibit the transmission or re-transmission of channel for seven days.
42.	BIGCBSLOVE	Telecast of programme "Excused" containing women denigrating content.	An order was issued on 15.10.2013 to the channel to prohibit the transmission or re-transmission of channel for one day.
43.	All channels	Guidelines for media reporting on children (NCPCR).	An Advisory dated 17.10.2013 to all channels.
44.	All News and Current Affairs channels	Comparison of speech of the Prime Minister with the speech of other political leaders on Independence Day.	An Advisory dated 21.10.2013 was issued to the all News and Current Affairs channels.
45.	UTV Bindass	Telecast of a programme "Emotional Atyachaar Season 3" containing obscene content.	An order dated 06.11.2013 was issued to prohibit the transmission or re-transmission for three days.
46.	Khoj India	Telecast of news report revealing the identity of mentally challenged rape victim and her child.	A warning dated 23.12.2013 was issued to channel.
47.	Manoranjan TV	Telecast of various films without showing CBFC certificates.	A warning dated 26.12.2013 was issued to the channel.
48.	News X	Channel had carried a news scroll on the health of Hon'ble President of India on June 23, 2012	An Advisory dated 26.12.2013 was issued to channel.

Year-2014

49.	WB	Telecast of a "V/UA" certified film "It's a Boy Girl Thing" showing obscene and women denigrating content.	Order dated 16.01.2014 was issued for taking the channel off air for one day.
50.	All News and Current Affairs channels	Telecast of Republic Day Parade with commentary, advised to carry the signals of DD with sign language interpretation.	An Advisory dated 23.01.2014 was issued to all news channels.
51.	Lemon News	Telecast a news report, revealing the identity of the sexually abused women	A warning dated 10.03.2014 was issued to channel.
52.	Bansal News	Telecast a programme ' Ladkiyon Ka Gumnaam Bodyguard' promoting superstition and blind belief.	A warning dated 11.03.2014 was issued to channel.
53.	NETV	Telecast of news bulletins showing the dead bodies and badly injured people without morphing or blurring.	A warning dated 12.03.2014 was issued to channel.
54.	Zee TV	Telecast of a serial "Jodha Akbar" containing content promoting communal attitudes, encouraging violence and also defamatory content.	A warning dated 20.03.2014 was issued to the channel.
55.	India News	Telecast of programme "Rahasya" promoting superstition and blind belief.	A warning dated 25.03.2014 was issued to channel.

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56.	Big Boss Season-7	Telecast of a reality show Bigg Boss Season-7	An Advisory dated 26.03.2014 was issued to channel.
57.	Amrita TV	Telecast of 'A' Certified film ' The Don' .	A warning dated 27.03.2014 was issued to channel.
58.	DY 365	Telecast disturbing of Dead Bodies Without making them blurs.	A warning dated 07.05.2014 was issued to the channel.
59.	Sony TV	Telecast of objectionable Comedy Show 'Kahani Comedy Circus Ki'.	A Directive dated 20.05.2014 issued to Sony TV for compliance directions of the Court of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities as also the provisions contained in the programme and advertisement codes.
60.	All TV Channel	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has raised concerns on depiction of rash, negligent and dangerous driving in various programmes, serials, news features, etc. on TV channels.	An Advisory dated 23.05.2014 was issued to All TV Channels.
61.	All TV Channel	Telecast of Advertisement on "Zaitoon Tara Edible Oil". The advertisement claims that edible oil prevents cancer.	An Advisory dated 26.06.2014 was issued to All TV Channels.
62.	All channels	TV Channels continue telecast Films without displaying CBFC Certificates.	An Advisory dated 29.05.2014 was issued to All TV Channels.

63.	All TV Channel	Telecast objectionable advertisements which is upheld by CCC.	An Advisory dated 21/08/2014 was issued to all channel.
64.	Vasanth TV	Telecast a programme called 'Vaimaye Vellum' revealed the identity of sexually abused minor children.	A warning dated 27.08.2014 was issued to the channel.
65.	News Live TV	Telecast of news bulletins showing the dead bodies and badly injured people without morphing or blurring.	A warning dated 01.09.2014 was issued to the channel.
66.	TV-5TV	Telecast of news report showing young girl stabbing visuals without morphed nor blurred.	A warning dated 02.09.2014 was issued to the channel.
67.	Kalaigar TV	Telecast of news report showing the dead bodies and badly injured people without morphing or blurring.	A warning dated 02.09.2014 was issued to the channel.
68.	Naxatra News	Telecast of allegedly defamatory/fabricated Programme.	An order dated 05.09.2014 was issued to the channel to carry version of opposite party.
69.	Headlines Today	Telecast of special programme called "Muzaffarnagar Conspiracy Exposed".	A warning dated 31.10.2014 was issued to the channel.
70.	Sudarshan TV	Telecast of programme called "Siyaasi Dango Mai UP".	A warning dated 31.10.2014 was issued to the channel.

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71.	Colors TV	Telecast of programme namely "Fear Factor Khatron Ke Khiladi–Darr Ka Blockbuster".	A order dated 08.01.2015 was issued to the channel thereby warning the channel and directing it to run an apology scroll for on day.
72.	Lemon News	Telecast of programme namely "Khauf Ke 10 Destination".	A warning dated 19.01.2015 was issued to the channel.
73.	NTV	Telecast a song-based programme 'Cine Colors'.	An order dated 19.01.2015 was issued to the channel for taking the channel off air for seven days.
74.	All News Channels	Telecast a programme of Republic Day Parade with sign language commentary on 26th Jan., 2015.	An Advisory dated 19.01.2015 was issued to the all News channels.
75.	All News Channels	Telecast of documentary programme ‘ India's Daughter’ .	An Advisory dated 03.03.2015 was issued to the all News channels restraining not to telecast the said documentary programme.
76.	All TV Channel	Telecast of live coverage of counter-terrorism operations.	An Advisory dated 20.03.2015 was issued to all TV channels.
77.	24 Ghanta TV	Telecast of news report showing death of a young man without morphing or blurring.	A Warning dated 23.03.2015 was issued to channel.
78.	NTV	Telecast of news report revealed the identity of sexual harassment of minor boy.	A Warning dated 23.03.2015 was issued to channel.

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Written Answers to

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Unstarred Questions

79.	Satlon News	Telecast of News report about a private corporate party organised in a five star hotel on the Pune-Mumbai highway.	An order was issued on 27.03.2015 to the channel to prohibit the transmission or re-transmission of channel for 30 days.
80.	TV9	Telecast a 'Bullet News' political satire targeting Chief Minister of Telangana.	An order was issued on 27.03.2015 to the channel for running apology scroll.
81.	Jai Hind	Telecast of 'A' certified film, titled 'Hai Harithe'.	An order was issued on 07.04.2015 to the channel to prohibit the transmission or re-transmission of channel for one day.
82.	Aljazeera TV	Telecast of News report carried wrong graphical map of India repeatedly.	An order was issued on 10.04.2015 to the channel to prohibit the transmission or re-transmission of channel for 5 days.
83.	Sudarshan News	Telecast of a programme called 'Bindaas Bol' making allegation about non-salutation of National Flag on the Republic Day by the Hon'ble Vice President.	A warning dated 17.06.2015 was issued to the channel.
84.	Raj News	Telecast of disturbing visuals of dead bodies without blurring.	A warning dated 22.06.2015 was issued to the channel.
85.	Russia Today TV	Telecast of obscene programme 'Crazy Alert'.	An Advisory dated 06.07.2015 was issued the channel.
86.	Raj News	Telecast of disturbing visuals of a women body burning up into flames without blurring.	A warning dated 02.07.2015 was issued to the channel.

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87.	Channel 2 News	Telecast of disturbing visuals of a man dead body without blurring.	A warning dated 22.07.2015 was issued to the channel.
88.	All News Channels	Telecast of live coverage of any anti-terrorist operation by security forces.	An advisory dated 27.07.2015 was issued to all News channels.
89.	A2Z News TV	The Channel telecast news reports on various date and revealed the identity of Sexual assault minor victims.	An warning dated 07.08.2015 was issued to the channel.
90.	DY 365	Telecast of News story defame the image of MLA and denigrating women.	An order dated 07.08.2015 was issued to the channel thereby warning the channel and directing it to run an apology scroll for one day.
91.	News Time Assam	Telecast of News story defame the image of MLA and denigrating women.	An order dated 07.08.2015 was issued to the channel thereby warning the channel and directing it to run an apology scroll for one day.