GOVERNMENT OF INDIA INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING LOK SABHA

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INSULTING SCENES TO WOMENHOOD IN SERIALS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that some popular serials being telecast on various channels are insulting to womenhood by showing scenes in which doctors are violating medical ethics;
- (b) if so, whether several NGOs have filed complaints against the producers of these serials;
- (c) whether the Government propose to take strict actions against those serial producers;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether attention of the Government has also been drawn to the news-item captioned, 'Top serial endorses sex test. NGOs see red' appearing in the 'Times of India' (Delhi Edition) dated February 9, 2002; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

- (a) & (e): Yes, Sir. Attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Top serial endorses sex test, NGOs see red`, appearing in the Times of India (Delhi Edition) dated February 9, 2002.
- (b), (c), (d) and (f): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.