

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1451

ANSWERED ON:14.07.2009

REGULATING TELEVISION CONTENT

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the depiction of violence, obscenity and vulgarity on various private television (TV) and Doordarshan channels is increasing;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has received any complaints in this regard;
- (d) if so, the number of incidents depicting objectionable content that have been reported during each of the last three years and in the current year alongwith the action taken by the Government during the said period, channel-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to curb depicting of objectionable content on private and Doordarshan TV Channels?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. JATUA)

(a) to (c) Although a number of references/complaints have been received from public against scenes of electronic media from time to time, no such formal study has been brought to its notice.

(d) A statement showing the year wise details of objectionable content shown on TV Channel is as per Annexure.

(e) The Government has constituted an Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) to look into the specific violation of the Programme and Advertisement Codes prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed there under. The IMC either suo motu or on receipt of complaints, looks into the violations and thereafter gives its recommendations to the Government, based on which action is taken as per rules. The Government has also constituted a committee for reviewing the Programme and Advertising Codes (Content Code) prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder to provide greater specificity to the provisions of the existing Codes. The Committee has submitted its report to the Government which is available on the website of the Ministry <http://mib.gov.in> under the heading "Code and Guidelines" sub-heading "Self Regulation Guidelines 2008".

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1451 FOR ANSWER ON 14-07-2009.

Statement Showing the number and names of TV channels against which incidents of violence and obscenity etc. have been received during last three years i.e. 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-09 and current year 2009-2010.

Year	Number of incidents of violence, obscenity reported	Name of TV channel
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2006-2007	13	MTV (Two times) MH1 Channel, Channel 7 Sahara Samay Bihar Channel Sun TV AXN Yo Music Zee Telugu VH1 Star Plus FTV Sony Max Channel
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2007-2008	11	IBN 7 (Three times) Zee News Star News (Two times)
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MTV India TV(Two times) NDTV
NETV

2008-2009 15 India News Headlines Today MTV (Two Times)
ETV Bangla Aaj Tak Discovery (Two Times)
Bindaas Star Movies Hungama TV
Channel [V] Colors News 24
India TV

2009-2010 03 MTV Real TV NDTV

BROADCASTING WING

UP DATED ON 07.07.2009

Subject: Status of Show Cause Notice issued to TV channels for objectionable content.

Sl.No.	Name of the Channel	Reasons for issue of SCN issued	Date of SCN	Action Taken
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YEAR 2006-2007

1. MTV Telecast of song from 16.03.2006 Violation not upheld.
the film 'Zehar' MATTER CLOSED.
2. MH1 Channel Telecast of an obscene 10.04.2006 No specific date of
song titled "Ashiq Banaya Aapne" telecast of the song
Aapne" from an adult movie was given, matter was
Ashiq Banaya Aapne not processed further.
Matter Closed.
3. MTV Telecast of an obscene song 10.04.2006 The Channel was directed
titled "Ashiq Banaya Aapne" vide Order dated
from an adult movie Ashiq 28.6.2006 to run a
Banaya Aapne scroll of apology.
The Channel complied
with. MATTER CLOSED.
4. Channel 7 Telecast of obscene 18.4.2006 MATTER CLOSED.
advertisement of Lux Gen-X'
undergarments.
5. Sahara Samay Telecast of obscene 18.4.2006 MATTER CLOSED.
Bihar Channel advertisements of Lux Gen-X'
undergarments.
6. Sun TV Telecast of obscene advt. 10.01.2006 MATTER CLOSED.

of Lux Gen-X undergarments.

7. AXN Telecast of obscene programme 26.6.2006 AXN Channel banned 'World's Sexiest Advertisements'. from 17.01.2007 to 28.02.2007.
MATTER CLOSED.
8. Yo Music Telecast of obscene songs 27.07.2006 Violation not upheld.
on 11.05.2006. MATTER CLOSED
9. Zee Telugu Telecast of obscene programme 27.07.2006 A warning dated 'Soyagam' 17.10.2006 had been issued to the channel.
MATTER CLOSED.
10. Vh 1 Telecast of song snake sung by 28.07.2006 Violation not upheld.
singer R. Kelly from album MATTER CLOSED.
chocolate factory on 10.06.2006
11. Star Plus Telecast of adult 04.08.2006 Violation not upheld.
certified film 'Apaharan. MATTER CLOSED.
12. FTV Telecast of an obscene 09.08.2006 The Channel was banned
programme 'Midnight Hot'. for a period of two
months vide Order dated
29.03.2007.
MATTER CLOSED.
13. Sony Max Telecast of an advertisement 03.11.2006 A Warning dated 05.02.
Channel of 'Flavoured Condoms'. 2007 issued to the
Channel MATTER CLOSED.

YEAR 2007-2008

- 1 IBN 7 Telecast of an obscene 28.03.2007 IBN7 Channel directed
programme 'Kiss Par Rok Nahi' vide Order dated
14.11.2007 to run an
apology scroll for three
days.The Channel
complied with.MATTER
CLOSED.
2. Zee News Telecast of an obscene 28.03.2007 Zee News Channel
programme 'Jumma Chumma De De' directed vide Order
dated 14.11.2007 to run
an apology scroll for
three days.The Channel
complied with.MATTER
CLOSED.
3. Star News Telecast of obscene programmes 28.03.2007 Advisory dated 25.06.2008
'Sex Me Twist' and 'Kiss Karo' issued to the Channel.

MATTER CLOSED.

4. India TV Telecast of an objectionable 02.07.2007 Ms. Jhanvi has also

programme on Ms. Jhanvi Kapur filed a W.P. before
Hon'ble Delhi High
Court which is pending.
Opinion of M/o Law
& Justice has been
sought. A Warning
dated 03.07.2009 issued
to the channel for
running apology scroll
for three days as
the telecast was based
on distorted facts.

5. IBN7 Telecast of an obscene 06.07.2007 A Warning dated 06.12.
programme 'Kissa Kiss Ka' 2007 issued to the
Channel. MATTER CLOSED

6. India TV Telecast of programme 31.10.2007 Advisory dated 19.12.2007
'India Bol' containing adult issued to the Channel.
language. MATTER CLOSED.

7. NDTV Telecast of News item on mob 19.12.2007 Warning dated 05.09.2008
violence in Guwahati and adivasi issued to the Channel.
women being beaten up by men. MATTER CLOSED.

8. IBN7 Telecast of News item on mob 19.12.2007 Warning dated 05.09.2008
violence in Guwahati and issued to the Channel.
adivasi women being beaten MATTER CLOSED.
up by men.

9. NETV Telecast of News item on mob 19.12.2007 Warning dated 05.09.2008
violence in Guwahati and issued to the Channel.
adivasi women being beaten MATTER CLOSED.
up by men.

10. MTV Telecast of obscene advt 22.02.2008 MTV Channel was directed
of 'New Axe Deodorant'. vide Order dated 02.05.
2008 to run an apology
scroll for three days.
The Channel complied
with. MATTER CLOSED.

11. Star News Telecast of obscene advt. 22.02.2008 Star News Channel was
of 'New Axe Deodorant'. directed vide Order
dated 02.05.2008 to run
an apology scroll for
three days. The Channel
complied with.
MATTER CLOSED.

1. India News Telecast of News item based 09.06.2008 Warning dated 05.09.2008 on MMS depicting sexual activities of Arushi and Hemraj. issued to the Channel. MATTER CLOSED.
2. Headlines Today Telecast of an obscene News 11.08.2008 An Advisory dated item titled 'Birth Day Suit' 23.03.2009 issued to the based on completion of 62 years Channel.MATTER CLOSED. of bikini.
3. MTV Telecast of obscene Reality 11.08.2008 No violation observed. Show titled 'Splitsvilla' MATTER CLOSED.
4. ETV Bangla Telecast of vulgar and 22.08.2008 Final decision is to obscene advt. of AXE Dark be taken.Pending. Temptation Deodorant.
5. Aaj Tak Telecast of vulgar and 22.08.2008 Final decision is obscene advt. of AXE Dark to be taken.Pending. Temptation Deodorant.
6. Discovery Telecast of vulgar and 22.08.2008 Final decision is to obscene advt. of AXE Dark be taken.Pending. Temptation Deodorant.
7. Bindass Telecast of vulgar Programme 11.09.2008 Warning dated 25.11.2008 titled 'Dadagiri' Matter closed.
8. Star Movies Telecast of an obscene 19.09.2008 Advertisement has been advertisement of 'Virgin Mobile' withdrawn. Matter closed.
9. Discovery Telecast of an obscene 19.09.2008 Advertisement has been advertisement of 'Virgin Mobile' withdrawn. MATTER CLOSED.
10. Hungama Telecast of a cartoon 23.09.2008 No action taken as the show namely "Shin-Chan" programme has already containing obscene visuals been stopped. and it denigrates children.; MATTER CLOSED.
11. Channel [V] Telecast of an obscene 08.10.2008 Warning dated 03.07.2009 reality beauty show titled issued to the Channel 'Get Gorgeous 5' MATTER CLOSED.
12. News 24 Telecast of a reality show 28.11.2008 Warning dated 03.06.2009 'Big Boss Season - 2' issued to the Channel. MATTER CLOSED.

13. Colors Telecast of a reality show 28.11.2008 Advisory dated 03.06.2009
'Big Boss Season - 2' issued to the Channel.
MATTER CLOSED.
14. India TV Telecast of a news item 12.12.2008 India TV Channel
titled 'Ye Bachchon Ka Khel' represented to NCPCR
'Nahi' denigrating children. and they being satisfied
with the Channel
requested this Ministry
not to proceed the
matter further. As
such, the matter was
not processed further.
MATTER CLOSED
15. MTV Telecast of obscene, indecent 31.03.2009 Order dated 01.07.2009
and vulgar programme titled issued to the Channel
'MTV Rodies'. directing it to run
apology scroll for
three days.MATTER CLOSED.

Year 2009 - 10

1. MTV Channel Telecast of the programme 02.06.2009 Reply under examination.
titled 'Vodafone MTV
Splitsvilla-2' uttering
unfair remark to another
participant.
2. Real TV Telecast of indecent Reality 30.06.2009 Reply awaited. Pending.
Show titled 'Sarkar Ki
Duniya'
3. NDTV India Telecast of a news item 30.06.2009 Reply awaited. Pending.
based on indecent Reality Show
titled 'Sarkar Ki Duniya'