

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:102

ANSWERED ON:16.11.2010

VIOLATION OF TELEVISION NETWORK REGULATIONS

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

(a) whether the Cable Television Networks (Regulations) Act, 1995 and the Rules framed thereunder envisage stringent punitive action against Television channels found to be violating its conditions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether despite the legal provision and the various measures stated to have taken by the Government, depiction of violence, obscenity and vulgarity on private TV channels continue to take place unabated;

(d) if so, the details in respect of those channels which had indulged in violations more than once during the last three years; and

(e) if so, whether the Government proposes to adopt new strategies to deal with such violations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SMT AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 102 FOR ANSWER ON 16.11.2010

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) All programmes telecast on Television channels transmitted/ retransmitted through cable TV network, are required to adhere to the Programme Code and Advertising Code provided in the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules framed thereunder. Whenever any violation of the Codes is brought to the notice of the Government, action is taken as per the above mentioned rules keeping in view the nature of violation.

(c) Certain instances of violations of the Programme and Advertisement Code have been brought to the notice of the Government

(d) Details annexed.

(e) This Ministry has constituted an Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) to look into the violations of the Programme and Advertisement Codes. IMC has representatives from Ministry of Home Affairs, Defence, External Affairs, Law, Women and Child Development, Health and Family Welfare and Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI). IMC meets regularly and recommends action against violations.

Government has also set up an Electronic Media Monitoring Centre (EMMC) to monitor the content telecast on Private satellite television channels round the clock.

Government had constituted a committee for reviewing the existing Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 to provide greater specificity to the provision of existing codes. The committee has made recommendations in the form of draft 'Self-regulation Guidelines for the Broadcasting sector' which is available on the Ministry's website <http://mib.gov.in> under the heading "Codes Guidelines Policy".

Ministry has been holding consultations with all concerned stakeholders to arrive at a broad consensus on the recommendations of the committee. A task Force has been set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary (I&B) for holding wider consultations with stakeholders to arrive at a consensus regarding the provision of the draft content code.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO PART (D) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 102 FOR REPLY ON 16.11.2010

CHANNELS WHICH HAVE VIOLATED CABLE TELEVISION NETWORKS (REGULATION) ACT, 1995 MORE THAN ONCE

DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS i.e. 2008 TO 2010 As on 11.11.2010

Sl.No.	Name of the Channels issued	Date of SCN of SCN	Reasons for issue	Action Taken
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1	Bindass	11.09.2008	Programme titled 'Dadagiri' issued to the Channel.	Warning dated 25.11.2008
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29.07.2009	Telecast of an indecent serial 'Sun Yaar Chill Maar'	An Advisory dated 29.12.2009	issued to the channel.	
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26.08.2009	Telecast of the Reality Show 'Dadagiri'	A Warning dated 04.03.2010	issued to the channel.	
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2	Channel [V]	08.10.2008	Telecast of obscene reality beauty show titled 'Get Gorgeous 5'	Warning dated 03.07.2009
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29.07.2009	Telecast of an indecent programme titled 'Launch Pad'	A Warning dated 11.12.2009	issued to the channel.	
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3	Colors	28.11.2008	Telecast of a reality show 'Big Boss Season - 2'	An Advisory dated 03.06.2009 was issued to the Channel.
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29.07.2009	Telecast of a serial 'Koi Aane Ko Hain'	A Warning dated 29.12.2009	issued to the channel.	
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26.10.2009	Telecast of the reality show 'BIG BOSS Season -3'	A Warning dated 18.12.2009	issued to the channel.	
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22.01.2010	Telecast of tele-serial 'Bairi Piya'	A Warning dated 18.08.2010	was issued to the channel.	
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4	IBN7	24.06.2008	News item based on visuals from violence in Maharashtra by the supporters of Navnirman Sena.	An Advisory dated 31.12.2008 issued to the Channels.
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11.08.2008	News Story with the title 'Aapke Ghar Sri Ram'	A warning dated 23.03.2009	issued to the Channel.	
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13.01.2010	Telecast of a programame showing Mr. Munir Khan advertising and advocating his treatment of serious diseases without any scientific proof.	A Warning dated 16.04.2010	issued to the channel	
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5	India TV	28.11.2008	Telecast of news item on Terrorist Attack in Mumbai	An Advisory dated 24.02.2010 issued to all
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conversation with terrorists News and Current Affairs
channels, IBF and NBA.

28.11.2008 Telecast of news item on A Warning dated
Sant Sri Aasaram Bapu. 22.06.2009 issued to
the Channel.

6 MTV 22.02.2008 Telecast of advt. of Order dated 02.05.2008
'New Axe Deodorant'. directing the Channel
to run an apology
scroll for three days.
The Channel complied
with the directions.

31.03.2009 Telecast of obscene, Order dated 01.07.2009
indecent and vulgar programme issued to the Channel
titled 'MTV Rodies'. directing it to run
apology scroll for
three days. The channel
complied with the
direction.

02.06.2009 Telecast of the programme A Warning dated
titled 'Vodafone MTV 04.01.2010 issued to
Splitsvilla-2' uttering unfair the channel with the
remark to another participant. direction to run apology
scroll for three days.
The channel complied
with the direction.
Matter Closed.

03.02.2010 Telecast of reality show A Warning dated channel
'Splitsvilla-3' 26.04.2010 issued to the
with the direction to
run apology scroll for
three days.
The channel complied
with the direction.

7 NDTV Imagine 28.07.2009 Telecast of a tele-serial An Advisory dated
titled 'Bandini' showing 01.12.2009 was issued
indecent visuals to the channel.

06.10.2009 Telecast of the serial A Warning dated
'Pati, Patni aur Woh' 03.03.2010 issued
to the channel.

8 News 24 24.06.2008 News item based on visuals An Advisory dated
from violence in Maharashtra 31.12.2008 issued
by the supporters of Navnirman to the Channels.
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28.11.2008 Telecast of a reality show A Warning dated
'Big Boss Season - 2' 03.06.2009 was
issued to the Channel.

9 SONY 26.08.2009 Telecast of the Reality Show ' A Warning dated
Iss Jungle Se Mujhe Bachao' 11.12.2009 issued
to the channel.

16.10.2009 Telecast of the programme An Advisory dated
'Entertainment Ke Liye Kuch 04.03.2010 issued
Bhi Karega' to the channel.

10 Star Annando 05.01.2010 Surrogate advertisement A Warning dated
of liquor product through 06.04.2010 issued
telecast of the advertisement to the channel.
of 'Blenders Pride Music CD's'

02.04.2010 Displaying the personal An Advisory dated
mobile number. 30.09.2010 issued
to the channel

11 Star News 22.02.2008 Telecast of advt. of Order dated 02.05.2008
'New Axe Deodorant'. directing the Channel
to run an apology scroll
for three days.
The Channel complied
with the directions.

23.03.2009 Telecast of News item on An Advisory dated
protest against the terrorist 11.12.2009 issued
attacks in Mumbai. to the channel.

12 Star Plus 22.07.2009 Telecast of a obscene, A Warning dated
vulgar & indecent Reality 27.11.2009 issued to
Game Show titled 'Such the channel. The channel
Ka Samna' was also directed that
while formatting a
programme based on
international format,
channel should keep
in view the Indian
ethos and culture
as well.

23.10.2009 Telecast of the serial A Warning dated
'Sapana Babul Ka- Bidaai 04.03.2010 issued
to the channel.

13 TV 5 16.09.2008 Telecast of an objectionable An Order dated
news item on Madarsa's 24.06.2009 issued to
the Channel with the
direction to run
apology scroll for
three days. The channel
complied with the
direction.

25.02.2010 Telecast of a programme A Warning dated
titled 'Chintamani' and 18.08.2010 was issued
'Big Screen' showing to the channel with the
obscene visuals direction to run apology
scroll.

14 VH-1 19.08.2009 Telecast of the programme Warning dated 08.12.2009
'Saturday Night Live' issued to the channel.
showing indecent visuals.

11.09.2009 Telecast of the programme An Order dated 05.03.2010
'South Park' issued to the channel
directing it to take the
programme off air. The
channel complied with
the direction.