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LOK SABHA**

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ADULT PROGRAMMES ON TV

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to allow telecast of adult programmes at watershed hours on television channels; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore?

Answer

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

(a)&(b)The Government had constituted a committee for reviewing the existing Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable TV Networks(Regulation) Act 1995 and the rules framed thereunder to provide greater specificity to the provisions of existing codes. The Committee has recommended that Broadcasting Service Provider (BSP) would ensure that all Programmes are categorized as follows;

- (a) Category 'U' for programmes which are suitable for unrestricted viewing by all viewers;
- (b) Category 'U/A or 'PG' for programmes which are suitable for restricted viewing only by adults or by minors above the age of 12 years under parental guidance
- (c) Category 'A' for programmes which are suitable for restricted viewing only by adults above the age of 18 years;
- (d) Category 'S' for scientific, technical and medical programmes or films which are suitable for restricted viewing by professionals or a class of persons for professional or educational purposes.

(2) The BSP shall broadcast each category of programme in accordance with scheduling set out below:

Sl. No. Category of Programme Scheduling of Programme

1. Category 'U' & 'S' At all times
2. Category 'U/A' 8:00 pm to 4:00 am
3. Category 'A' 11:00 pm to 4:00 am

The report of the Committee has been put up on the website of the Ministry www.mib.nic.in for public consultations. Ministry is in the process of holding wider consultations with all stakeholders before arriving at a broad consensus in the matter.