

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 21.12.2009
ANSWERED ON
UNACCEPTABLE SCENES AND IMAGES IN BROADCASTING MEDIA

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

- (a) whether it is fact that scenes and images unacceptable to the traditions and beliefs of Indian culture are still finding place in broadcasting media;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto and whether the Government is aware of this matter; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for not banning these scenes and images misguiding the society, particularly the children?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

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(a) & (b) No such specific complaint has been brought to the notice of the Government. However, some instances of objectionable content shown on Television have come to the notice of the Government. A statement showing the Show Cause Notices issued to Television Channels and action taken thereon is Annexed.

(c) There is no pre-censorship of the Programme telecast on Private TV channels. However, all programmes and advertisements telecast on TV channels transmitted/retransmitted through the Cable TV network, are required to adhere to the Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules framed thereunder. Action is taken as per rules whenever violation of Codes is brought to the notice of the Government.

ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (a) &(b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3462 FOR 21.12.2009

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

Sl. No. Name of the Channel Reasons for issue of SCN Date of SCN issued Action Taken

1. MH1 A SCN was issued for telecasting songs "Kabhi Aar Kabhi Paar", "Bin Tere Sanam", "Leke Pehla Pehla Pyaar", "Meri Beri Ke Ber" 18.10.2004 Final order issued to the channel with the direction to run apology scroll for three days. The channel complied the direction. MATTER CLOSED.

2. ETC A SCN was issued for telecasting songs " Bin Tere Sanam", "Chadati Jawani", " Kabhi Aar Kabhi Paar", "Leke Pehla Pehla Pyar", "Meri Beri Ke Ber", 18.10.2004 -do-MATTER CLOSED.

3. Channel [V] SCN was issued for telecasting song "Chadti Jawani" 18.10.2004 -do-MATTER CLOSED.

4. B4U SCN was issued for telecasting songs "Kabhi Aar Kabhi Paar", "Bin Tere Sanam", "Leke Pehla Pehla Pyaar" 18.10.2004 -do-MATTER CLOSED.

5. Balle Balle SCN was issued for telecasting songs "Chadati Jawani", "Kabhi Aar Kabhi Paar", "Meri Beri Ke Ber", "Bin Tere Sanam", "Leke Pehla Pehla

Pyaar" 18.10.2004 -do-MATTER CLOSED.

6. a-PunjabiChannel SCN was issued for telecasting song "Kabhi Aar Kabhi Paar" 18.10.2004 MATTER CLOSED.

7 Cine World

A SCN was issued to Cine World for telecasting an adult movie on 26.11.2004. 23.12.2004 The uplinking permission was temporarily withdrawn for a period of 30 days and prohibited from transmission on DTH Service vide dated 24.03.2005. MATTER CLOSED.

8. MTV SCN was issued for

telecasting songs "Leke Pehla Pehla Pyaar, Kabhi Aar Kabhi Par, Kanta Laga, Meri Beri Ke Ber, Chadti Jawani, Bin tere Sanam" 02.02.2005 -do-MATTER CLOSED.

9. India TV Telecast of a programme on private activities of MPs and MLAs telecast on 27.02.2005 in violation of Programme Code. 23.03.2005 A warning issued to India TV.MATTER CLOSED.

10. India TV Telecast of news item on sexual involvement of priest of the Swaminarayan Temple telecast at 9:00 p.m. on 16.03.2005.

19.05.2005 A warning issued to India TV.MATTER CLOSED.

11. Fashion TV Telecast of several obscene programmes 25.05.2005

An Advisory dated 13.04.2006 issued to the Channel. MATTER CLOSED.

12. Trendz TV(Zee Telefilms Ltd.) Telecast of programmes namely 'Lingerie Show' etc. 25.08.2005 Decision taken to issue an Advisory.

13. Star One Channel Telecast of obscene advt. of "Gen-X" undergarments. 12.08.2005 Warning issued on 21.09.2005. MATTER CLOSED.

14. NDTV Telecast of obscene advts of "Gen-X" and "FrenchieX". undergarments 12.08.2005 Warning issued on 21.09.2005. MATTER CLOSED.

15. Sahara TV Telecast of obscene advertisement of "Gen-X" undergarments. 12.08.2005 Warning issued on 21.09.2005. MATTER CLOSED.

16. In Digital Channel Telecast of an adult film "Khawahish" on 27.9.2005 30.09.2005 Channel had been warned vide Order dated 12.07.2006.MATTER CLOSED.

17. TEJA TV Telecast of an obscene programme "Kamasutra"

19.10.2005 The Channel was directed vide Order dated 23.03.2006 to run a scroll of apology. The channel complied with. MATTER CLOSED.

18. Zee Gujrati Channel/ Zee TV Telecast of an obscene programme titled "Item Bomb" 19.10.2005 Final order issued on 3.4.06 to the channel directing them not to telecast/re-telecast the advertisement. MATTER CLOSED.

19. FTV Telecast of an obscene programme on 09.12.05. 13.12.2005
An advisory issued to FTV . MATTER CLOSED.
20. Maa TV Telecast of programmes titled "Kamasutra", "Manmadha Samrajyam", "Samaram Samayam" and "Sarasm" 29.12.2005 Violation not upheld. MATTER CLOSED.
21. Zoom Channel Telecast of obscene trailers of "Fun, Sheesha, Shabd and Chahat" films. 05.01.2006 Decision taken to issue an Advisory.
22. ETC Telecast of obscene trailers of "Fun, Sheesha, Shabd and Chahat" films. 05.01.2006 Decision taken to issue an Advisory.
23. MTV Telecast of song from the film 'Zehar' 16.03.2006
Violation not upheld. MATTER CLOSED.
24. MH1 Channel Telecast of an obscene song titled "Ashiq Banaya Aapne" from an adult movie Ashiq Banaya Aapne 10.04.2006 No specific date of telecast of the song was given, matter was not processed further. Matter Closed.
25. MTV Telecast of an obscene song titled "Ashiq Banaya Aapne" from an adult movie Ashiq Banaya Aapne 10.04.2006 The Channel was directed vide Order dated 28.6.2006 to run a scroll of apology. The Channel complied with.
MATTER CLOSED.
26. Channel 7 Telecast of obscene advertisement of Lux Gen-X' undergarments. 18.4.2006 MATTER CLOSED.
27. Sahara Samay Bihar Channel Telecast of obscene advertisements of Lux Gen-X' undergarments. 18.4.2006 MATTER CLOSED.
28. Sun TV Telecast of obscene advt. of Lux Gen-X undergarments. 10.01.2006 MATTER CLOSED.
29. AXN Telecast of obscene programme 'World's Sexiest Advertisements'. 26.6.2006 AXN Channel banned from 17.01.2007 to 28.02.2007. MATTER CLOSED.
30. Yo Music Telecast of obscene songs on 11.05.2006. 27.07.2006
Violation not upheld. MATTER CLOSED
31. Zee Telugu Telecast of obscene programme 'Soyagam' 27.07.2006
A warning dated 17.10.2006 had been issued to the channel. MATTER CLOSED.
32. Vh 1 Telecast of song snake sung by singer R. Kelly from album chocolate factory on 10.06.2006 28.07.2006 Violation not upheld. MATTER CLOSED.
33. Star Plus Telecast of adult certified film 'Apaharan. 04.08.2006 Violation not upheld. MATTER CLOSED.
34. FTV Telecast of an obscene programme 'Midnight Hot'. 09.08.2006 The Channel was banned for a period of two months vide Order dated 29.03.2007. MATTER CLOSED.
35. Sony Max Channel Telecast of an advertisement of 'Flavoured Condoms'. 03.11.2006 A Warning dated 05.02.2007 issued to the Channel MATTER CLOSED.

36. IBN 7 Telecast of an obscene programme 'Kiss Par Rok Nahi'
28.03.2007 IBN7 Channel was directed vide Order dated 14.11.2007 to run an apology scroll for three days. The Channel complied with. MATTER CLOSED.
37. Zee News Telecast of an obscene programme 'Jumma Chumma De De'
28.03.2007 Zee News Channel was directed vide Order dated 14.11.2007 to run an apology scroll for three days. The Channel complied with. MATTER CLOSED.
38. Star News Telecast of obscene programmes 'Sex Me Twist' and 'Kiss Karo'
28.03.2007 Advisory dated 25.06.2008 issued to the Channel.
MATTER CLOSED.
39. India TV Telecast of an objectionable programme on Ms. Jhanvi Kapur
02.07.2007 Ms. Jhanvi has also 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.
40. IBN7 Telecast of an obscene programme 'Kissa Kiss Ka'
06.07.2007 A Warning dated 06.12.2007 issued to the Channel. MATTER CLOSED
41. India TV Telecast of programme 'India Bol' containing adult language.
31.10.2007 Advisory dated 19.12.2007 issued to the Channel.
MATTER CLOSED.
42. NDTV Telecast of News item on mob violence in Guwahati and adivasi women being beaten up by men.
19.12.2007 Warning dated 05.09.2008 issued to the Channel. MATTER CLOSED.
43. IBN7 Telecast of News item on mob violence in Guwahati and adivasi women being beaten up by men.
19.12.2007 Warning dated 05.09.2008 issued to the Channel. MATTER CLOSED.
44. NETV Telecast of News item on mob violence in Guwahati and adivasi women being beaten up by men.
19.12.2007 Warning dated 05.09.2008 issued to the Channel. MATTER CLOSED.
45. MTV Telecast of obscene advt. of 'New Axe Deodorant'.
22.02.2008 MTV Channel was directed vide Order dated 02.05.2008 to run an apology scroll for three days. The Channel complied with. MATTER CLOSED.
46. Star News Telecast of obscene advt. of 'New Axe Deodorant'.
22.02.2008 Star News Channel was directed vide Order dated 02.05.2008 to run an apology scroll for three days. The Channel complied with. MATTER CLOSED.
47. India News Telecast of News item based on MMS depicting sexual activities of Arushi and Hemraj.
09.06.2008 Warning dated 05.09.2008 issued to the Channel. MATTER CLOSED.
48. Headlines Today Telecast of an obscene News item titled 'Birth Day Suit' based on completion of 62 years of bikini.
11.08.2008 An Advisory dated 23.03.2009 issued to the Channel. MATTER CLOSED.

49. MTV Telecast of obscene Reality Show titled 'Splitsvilla'
11.08.2008 No violation observed.MATTER CLOSED.
50. ETV Bangla Telecast of vulgar and obscene advt. of AXE Dark
Temptation Deodorant. 22.08.2008 Advertisement has been modified.
51. Aaj Tak Telecast ofvulgar and obscene advt. of AXE Dark
Temptation Deodorant. 22.08.2008 Advertisement has been modified.
52. Discovery Telecast of vulgar and obscene advt. of AXE Dark
Temptation Deodorant. 22.08.2008 Advertisement has been modified.
53. Bindass Telecast of vulgar Programme titled 'Dadagiri'
11.09.2008 Warning dated 25.11.2008.Matter closed.
54. Star Movies Telecast of an obscene advertisement of 'Virgin
Mobile' 19.09.2008 Advertisement has been withdrawn. Matter closed.
55. Discovery Telecast of an obscene advertisement of 'Virgin
Mobile' 19.09.2008 Advertisement has been withdrawn. MATTER CLOSED.
56. Hungama Telecast of a cartoon show namely "Shin-Chan"
containing obscene visuals and it denigrates children.; 23.09.2008 No
action taken as the programme has already been stopped.MATTER CLOSED.
57. Channel [V] Telecast of an obscene reality beauty show titled
'Get Gorgeous 5' 08.10.2008 Warning dated 03.07.2009 issued to the
Channel.MATTER CLOSED.
58. News 24 Telecast of a reality show 'Big Boss Season - 2'
28.11.2008 Warning dated 03.06.2009 issued to the Channel.MATTER
CLOSED.
59. Colors Telecast of a reality show 'Big Boss Season - 2'
28.11.2008 Advisory dated 03.06.2009 issued to the Channel.MATTER
CLOSED.
60. India TV Telecast of a news item titled 'Ye Bachchon Ka Khel
Nahi' denigrating children. 12.12.2008 India TV Channel represented to
NCPCR 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
61. MTV Telecast of obscene, indecent and vulgar programme titled
'MTV Rodies'. 31.03.2009 Order dated 01.07.2009 issued to the Channel
directing it to run apology scroll for three days.MATTER CLOSED.
62. MTV Channel Telecast of the programme titled 'Vodafone MTV
Splitsvilla-2' uttering unfair remark to another participant. 02.06.2009
IMC's recommendation obtained. Final Orders under issue.
63. Real TV Telecast of indecent Reality Show titled 'Sarkar Ki
Duniya' 30.06.2009 IMC's recommendation obtained. Final Orders under
issue.
64. NDTV India Telecast of a news item based on indecent Reality
Show titled 'Sarkar Ki Duniya' 30.06.2009 IMC's recommendation obtained.
Final Orders under issue.
65. Star Plus Telecast of a vulgar and indecent Reality Game Show

titled 'Such Ka Samna' 22.07.2009 A Warning dated 27.11.2009 issued to the channel. The channel was also directed that while formatting a programme based on international format, channel should keep in view the Indian ethos and culture as well. Matter Closed.

66. Bindass Telecast of an indecent serial 'Sun Yaar Chill Maar'
29.07.2009 IMC's recommendation obtained. Final Orders under issue.

67. Channel [V] Telecast of an indecent programme titled 'Launch Pad' 29.07.2009 A Warning dated 11.12.2009 issued to the channel. MATTER CLOSED.

68. Bindass Telecast of the Reality Show 'Dadagiri" 26.08.2009
Reply awaited. Reminder sent.

69. Sony Telecast of the Reality Show 'Iss Jungle Se Mujhe Bachao'
26.08.2009 A Warning dated 11.12.2009 issued to the channel. MATTER CLOSED.

70. FTV.com India Telecast of obscene visuals 11.09.2009
Reply under consideration.

71. Colors Channel Telecast of the reality show 'BIG BOSS Season -3' 26.10.2009 Reply under consideration.