

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3407
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2018**

INCREASE IN RELEASE OF ADULT FILMS

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an increase in the release of number of adult movies (A certificate) in major languages across the country, according to Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last two year, language-wise;
- (c) whether the government has received any complaints on violations of publishing/broadcasting/telecasting content fixed by the Government on violence/obscenity by various media;
- (d) if so, the action taken on such violations during the said period;
- (e) whether the Government has made any study about the adverse impact of increasing adult content and violence in internet/print/electronic media on society including youth and adolescents;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in the regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]:

(a) & (b): There has been no substantial increase in the number of films certified as 'A' by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) in the recent years. Details of films certified under category 'U', 'UA' and 'A' in the recent years are as under:

Indian and Foreign Feature Films (Digital)

	U	UA	A
2014-15	766	828	522
2015-16	858	898	486
2016-17	833	973	530
2017-18 (April to October)	254	467	190

(c) to (g): As per existing regulatory framework, all programmes and advertisements telecast on private satellite TV channels and transmitted/re-transmitted through the Cable TV network are required to adhere to the Programme Code and Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Cable Television Network Rules, 1994 framed thereunder. The Act does not provide for pre-censorship of any programme or advertisement telecast on such TV channels. However, it provides that all programmes and advertisements telecast on such TV channels should be in conformity with the prescribed Programme Code and Advertising Code enshrined in the said Act and the rules framed thereunder, which contain a wide range of parameters to regulate programmes and advertisements on TV channels including the content which is likely to give rise to obscenity or which is likely to lead to violence. Details of action taken on violation of Programme and Advertising Codes by private TV channels for telecast of content of obscenity and violence during the last two years and the current year are enclosed at **Annexure I**.

It is further stated that the Ministry has set up Electronic Media Monitoring Centre (EMMC) to monitor the content of private TV channels with reference to the violation of Programme and Advertising Codes. An Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) has also been set up in the Ministry to look into the specific complaints or suo-motu take cognizance against the violation of Programme and Advertising Codes. IMC has representatives from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Defence, External Affairs, Law, Women and Child Development, Health and Family Welfare, Consumer Affairs and Information & Broadcasting and a representative from the industry in Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI). The IMC meets periodically and recommends action in respect of violation of Programme and Advertising Codes by private TV channels. Apart from this, the Ministry has also issued directions to States to set up District level and State level Monitoring Committees to regulate content telecast on cable TV channels.

Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) has also set up a mechanism for self-regulation through Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC) in case of non-news channels. As part of this, IBF has laid down Content Code & Certification Rules 2011 covering an entire gamut of content-related principles and criteria for television broadcast.

The Press Council of India constituted under the Press Council Act of 1978, has issued a compendium titled 'Norms of Journalistic Conduct' to specifically promote the standard of the media to act as a reference guide in varying circumstances for the journalists. Complaints regarding violations of publishing content are considered and adjudicated by the Press Council of India under its mandate of preserving the freedom of the press and of maintaining and improving the standards of press in India. List of complaints adjudicated in the last 2 years along with action taken are enclosed at **Annexure II**.

ANNEXURE I

**ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA
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Action Taken by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on violation of Programme and Advertisement code by Private TV channels for telecasting content depicting violence, obscenity during the last two years.

2016

S.No.	Name of the Channel	Reason for Show Cause Notice	Details of action taken
1.	Care World	Telecast of a programme "Kya Karun Main AB?" on unnatural sex.	A warning dated 24.05.2016 was issued to the channel.
2.	F TV	Telecast of a programme namely fotos in alleged violation of the programme code	An Advisory dated 25.05.2016 issued to the channel
3.	CVR English News Channel	Telecast of News bulletins showing disturbing visuals of dead bodies	An Advisory dated 25.05.2016 issued to the channel
4.	Oscar Movies	Telecast of 'A' certified films on various dates.	An Advisory dated 06.06.2016 issued to the channel
5.	Care World	Telecast of obscene programme 'Kya Karu Mai Aab	An order was issued on 02.11.2016 to the channel to prohibit the transmission or re-transmission of channel for seven day
6.	News Time Assam	Telecast of news report revealing the identity of minor boy	An order dated 2.11.2016 was issued to the channel to prohibit the transmission or re-transmission of channel for one day (to carry out the three awards of one day off air concurrently)
	News Time Assam	Telecast of News bulletins showing disturbing visuals of dead bodies	
	New Time Assam	Telecast of News story defaming the image of MLA and denigrating women.	
7.	MBC TV	Telecast of news report revealing the identity of sexually assaulted victims	A Warning dated 29.11.2016 issued to the channel
8.	People TV	Telecast of News story showing disturbing visuals of dead bodies	A Warning dated 29.11.2016 issued to the channel
9.	Reporter TV	Telecast of News story showing disturbing visuals of violence.	A Warning dated 29.11.2016 issued to the channel

2017

S.No.	Name of the Channel	Reason for Show Cause Notice	Details of action taken
1	TV-9 (Marathi)	Telecast of news report showing disturbing visuals of death of a man who set himself on fire	An Advisory dated 28.2.2017 issued to the channel for violation of Programme Code
2	All TV channel	Telecast of Condom Advertisements between 10:00 PM - 6:00 AM while telecasting advertisements on TV channels	An Advisory dated 11.12.2017 issued to all TV Channels
3	V TV channel	Telecast a News programme 'Viral Truth' showing disturbing visuals of violence.	An order was issued on 12.12.2017 to the channel to prohibit the transmission or re-transmission of channel for one day

ANNEXURE II**ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3407 FOR ANSWER ON 15.03.2018****Action Taken by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on complaints regarding violation of publishing content during the last two years****2015-2016**

S. No.	Name of Complainant	Name of Respondent	Decision
1.	Shyam Pannalalji Sharma, Member Executive Committee, Berar General Education Society, Maharashtra	The Editor, Suryodaya, Maharashtra	Censured
2.	Shri Kapil Marwah, Chartered Accountant, Mumbai	The Editor, DNA, Mumbai	Dismissed with observation
3.	Shri Ved Prakash Gupta, General Secretary, Punjab Human Rights Committee, Bathinda	The Editor, Punjab Kesari	Dismissed with Observation
4.	Shri Narender Tulsidas Popat, District Thane, Maharashtra	The Editor, Vartahar Naradvani, Palghar Thane	Censured
5.	Shri Sonu Marwah, Chairman, Noujwan Welfare Soch, Bathinda	The Editor, Punjab Kesari	Warned

2016-17

S. No.	Name of Complainant	Name of Respondent	Decision
1.	Shri Mohd. Ayub Qureshi, Mumbai	Shri Syed Zafarul Islam, Chief Reporter, Lahren Fortnightly, Mumbai	Dismissed
2.	Ms. Rachna Sharma, Advocate & Secretary,	The Editor, Dainik Bhaskar and Nai Dunia	Disposed of

	SSKS Foundation		
3.	Dr. Rajender Singh Jadeja, General Secretary, Rajkot District Consumers Protection Council, Rajkot	The Editor, Divya Bhaskar	Dismissed with Observation
4.	Prof. K.V. Thomas, Ernakulam	The Editor, Times of India, Mumbai	Dismissed
5.	Shri A Devaneyan, Tamil Nadu	The Editor, Kalai Kathir, Dinamalar and Daily Thanthi	Disposed of with Observation
6.	Shri Suryakant Sharma, Jharkhand	The Editor, Hindustan	Dismissed for non- pursuance
