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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
'A' WING, SHASTRI BHAWAN,
NEW DELHI – 110001

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ADVISORY

Attention is invited to this Ministry's advisories dated 03.08.2018 and 31.08.2018 which were issued in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Orders dated 02.08.2018 and 07.08.2018 in the matter of Sampurna Behura vs. UOI & Ors. in WP(C) No.473 of 2005 requesting all private TV Channels to ensure strict compliance with the aforesaid court orders and to ensure that the photographs of the victims of sexual abuse anywhere should not be displayed either in morphed or blurred form for the safety, mental and physical health of the victim and in public interest. However, it has come to the notice of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting that some TV channels have disclosed the identity of a rape victim or a sexually assaulted girl by showing her face or by revealing her personal details. This is not in consonance with the judgment of the Supreme Court.

2. Therefore, all TV channels are hereby again advised to strictly refrain from disclosing identity of sexually assaulted girls/women in any manner and exercise restraint, responsibility and sensitivity while reporting such matters and to follow the provisions contained in the Programme & Advertising Codes and the aforesaid directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India scrupulously.


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