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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
'A' WING, SHASTRI BHAWAN,
NEW DELHI – 110 001

Dated the 7th August, 2018

To

All private satellite TV Channels

Subject : Compliance with directions given in the Order dated 6.6.2018 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Bombay, Nagpur Bench in PIL No.114 of 2016 filed by Shri Pankaj Meshram regarding refraining media from using the nomenclature "Dalit" while referring to members belonging Scheduled Castes – reg.

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to Order dated 6.6.2018 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Bombay, Nagpur Bench in the matter of PIL No.114 of 2016 filed by Shri Pankaj Meshram on the above subject.

2. Earlier Ministry of Social Justice had issued a letter dated 15.3.2018 thereby requesting all the State Governments/UT Administrators that for all official transaction, matters, dealings, certificates etc., the Constitutional term 'Scheduled Caste' in English, and its appropriate translation in other national languages should alone be used for denoting the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes notified in the Presidential Orders issued under Article 341 of the Constitution of India.

3. Para 6 of the said order reads as under:

"As Central Government has issued necessary directions to its officers, we find that it can also issue suitable directions as per law to the respondent no.2 and the media to refrain from using same word. Various institutes in the field are not before us and hence, we direct respondent no.1 to consider the question of issuing such direction to the media and take suitable decision upon it within next six weeks."

4. It is accordingly advised that media may refrain from using the nomenclature "Dalit" while referring to members belonging to Scheduled Caste in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Bombay High Court and the Constitutional term 'Scheduled Caste' in English, and its appropriate translation in other national languages should alone be used for all official transaction, matters, dealings, certificates etc. for denoting the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes notified in the Presidential Orders issued under Article 341 of the Constitution of India.


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