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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING  
'A' WING, SHASTRI BHAWAN,  
NEW DELHI – 110 115

Dated the January, 2020

To

1. All private satellite TV Channels
2. All Private FM radio Channels

**Subject: Compliance with the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India judgement dated 17.07.2018 and 24.09.2018 in the WP (Civil) No. 754 of 2016 in Tehseen S. Poonawalla vs. Union of India & others on the issues of lynching and mob violence, etc.**

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to the Advisory dated 28.09.2018 issued by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for ensuring widest possible outreach of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India judgment dated 17.07.2018 and 24.09.2018 in the WP (Civil) No. 754 of 2016.

2. It is hereby reiterated that all private satellite TV/ FM radio channels are advised to refer to Judgment dated 17.07.2018 and 24.09.2018 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the WP (Civil) No.754 of 2016 in Tehseen S. Poonawalla vs. Union of India & others on the above cited subject . In this regard, the relevant extract of the Judgment pertaining to electronic media is given below:

*"(ix) – The Central and the State Governments should broadcast on radio and television and other media platforms including the official websites of the Home Department and Police of the States that lynching and mob violence of any kind shall invite serious consequence under the law" (under para 40 (Preventive measures of the Judgment))*

3. While Doordarshan is already implementing the aforesaid decision, for ensuring widest possible outreach of the directions of the Apex Court, it is again advised that all private satellite TV/FM radio channels may also run as scroll the two messages as given below in public interest.

**Messages**

Mob violence and lynching is a heinous crime and invites serious consequences under the law.

Mob violence and lynching is a serious criminal offence and invites stringent punishment under the law.

  
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