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Whereas the Hon'ble High court of Judicature at Allahabad, Lucknow Bench, in its Order dated 10.4.2012 in the matter of Misc. Bench No.2685 of 2012 pertaining to a petition filed by Dr. Nutan Thakur, has observed, inter-alia, that without interfering with the independence of media and keeping in view the fact that news items relating to movements of troops have already engaged the attention at the highest level in the defence as well as the Government, it is appropriate to direct the Secretary, Home Affairs, and the Secretary, Information & Broadcasting, Government of India and the Principal Secretary (Home), government of UP, to ensure that there is no reporting/release of any news item by Print as well as Electronic Media relating to the subject matter, namely, the movement of troops.

Whereas Rule 6(1)(f) of the Cable Television Networks Rules 1994, which lays down the Programme Code, provides that no programme should be carried in the cable service which contains anything amounting to contempt of court.

Now therefore all the private satellite TV channels are advised to scrupulously and strictly follow the aforesaid directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad, Lucknow Bench, and desist from telecasting any programme pertaining to movement of Indian troops.

Any violation in the matter shall not only amount to contempt of court but also violation of the Programme Code as mentioned above, inviting strict action as per the extant Law governing Contempt of Court and also as per the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, rules promulgated thereunder and the terms and conditions of uplinking and downlinking guidelines.



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To

All TV Channels

Copy to:

1. Shri K.V.L. Narayanrao, President, News Broadcasters Association ME-5, Sah Vikas Apartments, 68, Patparganj, Delhi - 110092.
2. Shri Uday Shankar, President, The Indian Broadcasting Foundation, B-304, 3rd Floor, Ansal Plaza, Khelgaon Marg, New Delhi - 110049.

Copy also to:

1. News Broadcasting Standards Authority (NBSA), ME-5, Sah Vikas Apartments, 68, Patparganj, Delhi - 110092
2. Broadcasting Content complaints Council (BCCC), B-304, 3rd Floor, Ansal Plaza, Khelgaon Marg, New Delhi - 110049

- for issuing directions to its members if deemed appropriate.