

**MOST URGENT**  
**COMPLIANCE WITH COURT ORDER**

No.N-13011/09/2018-BC.III  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING  
'A' WING, SHASTRI BHAWAN,  
NEW DELHI – 110 001  
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Dated the 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2018  
31st

To

All private satellite TV Channels

**Subject :** Compliance with directions given by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matters of Miscellaneous Application No.2069 of 2018 in WP (C) No. 473 of 2005 filed by Sampurna Behura Vs UOI & Ors. in the issue of recent alleged rape and abuse of children in the Government funded Children's Home run by the NGO called Sewa Sankalp Evam Vikas Samiti. – reg.

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 3.8.2018 on the above-cited subject whereby it was requested to ensure compliance with the directions given by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for Electronic Media vide its Order dated 2.8.2018 passed in respect of the above-cited case.

2. Subsequently, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has passed an Order dated 7.8.2018 in this case in which further directions have been given for the electronic media, besides other media. Relevant extract of the Order containing such directions is quoted as under:

*"We have already required the media not to show photographs of victims of sexual abuse in Bihar even in a morphed or blurred form.*

*Needless to say that the direction already issued by us on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2018 is not only applicable to the incident that has taken place in Muzaffarpur, Bihar and which has widely been reported in the Press. We expect the electronic, print and social media 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 victims and in public interest."*

3. Accordingly, all private satellite TV channels are requested to ensure strict compliance with the aforesaid order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

  
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