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Attention is invited to para 6 of the order dated 6.6.2018 of Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Bombay, Nagpur Bench Nagpur PIL No. 114/2016 . All registered Newspapers, publications are advised to refrain from using the nomenclature 'DALIT' while referring to the members of the Scheduled Caste in compliance to Hon'ble High Court's order.



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

No.N-13011/07/2018-BC.III  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING  
'A' WING, SHASTRI BHAWAN,  
NEW DELHI – 110 001

Dated the 7<sup>th</sup> 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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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING  
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SUBJECT: PIL No. 114 of 2016 filed by Shri Pankaj Meshram against the Min. of Information and Broadcasting & Ors. before the Nagpur Bench of High Court of Bombay for prohibiting the use of word 'Dalit'-Reg.

Reference is invited to this Ministry's I.D Note of even number dated 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 on the above subject.

2. In this regard, attention is invited to para 6 of the order dated 6/6/2018 of Hon'ble High Court Delhi, which states that "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 (i.e. Secretary, PCI) 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 (i.e. JS, Ministry of. I&B) to consider the question of issuing such direction to the media and take suitable decision upon it within next six weeks."

3. In the light of the above, this Ministry has sought advice of M/o. Law and Justice as to whether a directive can be issued to the media in compliance of the aforesaid order of the High Court. M/o. Law and Justice has advised that there is no legal objection in issuing a directive to all media to refrain from using the nomenclature "Dalit" while referring to the members of Scheduled Caste in compliance to Hon'ble High Court's order.

4. In view of the foregoing, RNI is directed to issue a direction to all the registered newspapers through its website that the word 'Dalit' should not be used while referring to the members of the Scheduled Caste.

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M/o.I&B I.D Note No. M-22013/37/2016-Press dated 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

Copy to :- BC Wing (kind attn: Shri M Rajendran, US(BC) Shastri Bhawan ,  
New Delhi for issuing communication to ASCI, NBA and  
BCCC on similar lines.

*o/c issuer*

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING  
(Press Section)

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**Subject:** PIL No. 114 of 2016 filed by Shri Pankaj Meshram against the Ministry of I&B & Ors. Before the Nagpur Bench of High Court of Bombay for prohibiting the use of word 'Dalit' - regarding

Please find enclosed a copy of order dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Bombay, Nagpur Bench in PIL No. 114 of 2016 file by Shri Pankaj Meshram regarding the usage of the word Dalit.

2. In this regard, it is stated that the Hon'ble High Court in the instant PIL has passed direction to consider the question of issuing directions to the media to refrain from using the nomenclature "Dalit" while referring to members belonging to Schedule Cast.

3. In view of the foregoing, RNI is directed to issue a suitable advisory to all the registered newspapers through its website that the word 'Dalit' should not be used in a derogatory manner.

Encl: as above

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M/o I&B I.D. No. M-22013/37/2016-Press dated 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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BC Wing, [kind attn.: **Shri M. Rajendran, US(BC-I,II,III)**], Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - along with a copy of order dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Bombay, Nagpur Bench in PIL No. 114 of 2016 file by Shri Pankaj Meshram regarding the usage of the word Dalit for issuing similar communication to ASCI, NBA and BCCC for issuing an Advisory on similar lines.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 114/2016

Pankaj S/o Leeladhar @ Lalitji Meshram  
..VS..  
Joint Secretary & ors.

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Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,  
appearances, Court's orders of directions  
and Registrar's orders  
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Court's or Judge's orders

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Shri S.R. Narnaware, Advocate for the petitioner  
Shri S.A. Chaudhari, Advocate for the respondent no. 1  
Shri D.P. Thakare, AGP for the respondent nos. 3 and 4  
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CORAM : B.P. DHARMADHIKARI AND  
Z.A.HAQ, JJ.  
DATED : 06/06/2018

1] Advocate Shri Narnaware has produced before us the communication dated 15/03/2018 issued by the Director, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (respondent no. 5) which advises the Central Government, State Government and its functionaries to refrain from using the nomenclature "Dalit" while referring to members belonging to Scheduled Caste.

2] Advocate Shri Narnaware submits that because of this communication, grievance made in prayer (a) is redressed.

3] Learned AGP pointed out that because of this decision, State Government is also deliberating and appropriate decision on line could be taken at the earliest. Advocate Shri Narnaware submits that as State Government is taking a decision, the direction to State Government at this juncture is also not necessary.

4] Advocate Shri Narnaware however adds that the media needs to be asked to refrain from using said word. He points out that Press Council of India and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting are party respondents before this Court.

5] Advocate Shri Choudhari appearing for respondent no. 1 submits that he has received copy of letter dated 15/03/2018 today only in Court from the petitioner and he needs time to obtain instructions about it.

6] 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.

7] Similarly we direct respondent no. 3 to take appropriate decision within next eight weeks.

8] In view of this development, Advocate Shri Narnaware submits that PIL may be disposed of as grievance is settled. Hence, without prejudice to the rights and contention of intervenor/respondent no. 6 who is absent today, we dispose of present PIL accordingly. No costs.

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