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**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**  
**'A' WING, SHASTRI BHAWAN**  
**NEW DELHI 110001**

Dated: 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

To,

All Private Satellite TV Channels

All DTH Operators/ MSOs/ Cable Operators

**Subject: Adherence to Programme Codes under the CTN Act, 1995 in the wake of the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on the Ayodhya title dispute case - reg.**

The Hon'ble Supreme Court has delivered its judgement today on the Ayodhya title dispute case. It becomes imperative to ensure that debates/ discussions/ visuals carried on electronic media do not incite any divisive or anti-national feelings or sentiments.

2. In light of the above, it is advised that particular caution be taken that all broadcast is in strict conformity to the Programme Code enshrined under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and no programme should carry anything which:

- (i) *contains attack on religions or communities or visuals or words contemptuous of religious groups or which promote anti-national attitudes;*
- (ii) *contains anything obscene, defamatory, deliberate, false and suggestive innuendos and half truths;*
- (iii) *is likely to encourage or incite violence or contains anything against maintenance of law and order or which promotes anti-national attitudes;*
- (iv) *contains anything amounting to contempt of court;*
- (v) *contains anything affecting the integrity of the nation; &*

(vi) *criticises, maligns or slanders any individual in person or certain groups, segments of social, public or moral life of the country.*

3 All private satellite TV channels, DTH operators, MSOs and Cable operators are requested to ensure strict compliance of the above.



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