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BROADCASTING CONTENT COMPLAINTS COUNCIL



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All Members of Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF):

ADVISORY ON COMEDY SHOWS

The Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC) has received many complaints against double-meaning dialogues used in 'comedy shows' telecast on various General Entertainment Channels.

The BCCC expresses its concern over this trend, which often ranges on crass, abusive, vulgar and double-meaning language with sexual overtones in the name of humour.

The BCCC feels that at times, such comedy shows cross the threshold of 'generally accepted standards' in terms of language and reflect the indelicate attitude of participants.

The BCCC has no intention of curtailing artistic freedom. It, however, advises all Member Channels of Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) to exercise discretion to make television viewing more pleasurable and not let such 'comedy shows' become platforms for making lewd remarks.

The BCCC feels these 'comedy shows' should be appropriately scheduled to have the minimal impact on diverse Indian viewers. Sometimes, the content of the so-called jokes is demeaning and smutty.

The BCCC also advises the IBF Member Channels to use friendly banters without being derisive to any community, religion and individual.

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