

News Broadcasting Standards Authority

Order No. 29 (2014)

Complaint dated 28.7.2013 to NBSA from Mr. Prashant Singh S/o Mr. C.N. Singh Ex MP regarding misleading information aired on ETV Uttar Pradesh on 18.3.2013

1. Mr. Prashant Singh S/o Mr. C.N. Singh Ex MP has given a complaint dated 28.7.2013 to NBSA against ETV Uttar Pradesh alleging that the broadcaster had aired misleading news against his father on 18.3.2013 & the said news was aired throughout the day. The news related to an incident which occurred in the Padmavat Express (14207) from Pratapgarh to Delhi on the night of 17.3.2013 in which his father, Mr C. N. Singh, former MP, & some other co passengers were travelling. Since the complainant was not satisfied with the response received from the broadcaster it was decided that both parties be called for a hearing to resolve the matter. The complainant & the broadcaster appeared before the NBSA on 1.5.2014. At the hearing the following persons were present :

1. Mr. Prashant Singh - **Complainant**
2. Mr. Madan Yadav

ETV UP:

1. Mr. Sachin Dev
2. Mr. Mrinal Bharti

2. At the hearing both parties informed NBSA they have arrived at the following settlement:

(i) The Broadcaster shall broadcast the version of the complainant (as to what transpired in the Padmavat Express (14207) from Pratapgarh to Delhi on the night of 17.3.2013 in which his father, Mr C. N. Singh, former MP, was travelling).

(ii) An airtime slot of three minutes before the 8 PM news on any day between 25th and 31st May 2014 will be made available by the broadcaster, for broadcasting the complainant's version.

(iii) The version of complainant, shall not have any defamatory / offensive / objectionable content against anyone.

(iv) The complaint be treated as closed in view of the said settlement.

3. The NBSA accepted the said settlement and treated the complaint as closed and directed the broadcaster to submit proof of compliance by submitting a compact disc containing the telecast with particulars of the time and date of the telecast to the News Broadcasters Association within 7 days of telecast.

4. NBSA directs the NBA:

a) To send a copy of this Order to the complainant and the broadcaster;

b) To circulate the Order to all Members, Editors and Legal Heads of NBA;

c) To also host this order on its website and to include such summary in its next Annual Report.

Sd/-
Justice R.V Raveendran (Retd.)
Chairperson

Place : New Delhi

Dated : 29.5.2014