

Decision dated 10.1.2017 regarding complaint dated 7.8.2016 from Mr. Santosh Kumar regarding programme titled “Live News” on ETV News Kannada on 2.8.2016

Complaint:

The complainant stated that he had conducted an audition for his movie “Students” produced under the banner “Passion Movie Makers” some eight months ago and over 200 people attended the audition, out of which 40-50 talents were selected. He stated two individuals Mr Nandakumar and Mr Manish had gone to ETV Kannada news channel and stated that during the audition, they were promised roles in the movie and they were betrayed. This particular news was telecasted on 3.8.2016 at 3 p.m. on the channel which affected and impacted their movie badly which was almost ready to release.

NBSA considered the complaint, response and also viewed the CD. NBSA was of the view that the broadcasting of the grievances of two individuals after a lapse of 8 months, when the movie was about to be released appeared to be motivated. NBSA decided that the complainant and the broadcaster be directed to appear before the NBSA. Accordingly, a communication dated 15.12.2016, was sent both to the broadcaster and the complainant to appear for a hearing on 10.1.2017. In the initial response, the complainant had stated that he would not be in a position to appear before NBSA and NBSA may proceed with the complaint. Thereafter, vide email dated 4.1.2017, the complainant informed NBSA that he is withdrawing the complaint.

Decision:

NBSA at its meeting held on 10.1.2017 noted that since the complainant had decided to withdraw the complaint, the complaint be closed.
