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**All Editors of NBA**

**Re: Advisory regarding Reporting Court Proceedings**

The recent Order of the Ghaziabad Court ordering prosecution of Dr. Rajesh Talwar and his wife Dr. Nupur Talwar in the Aarushi murder case and the subsequent coverage by Member channels led to convening of a special meeting of the NBSA on 21.2.11.

On a review of the telecasts of both news and special programmes, it has become necessary for the Authority to reiterate that the “Specific Guidelines for Reporting Court Proceedings” dated 15.9.2010 (**Copy Attached**) do not appear to have been strictly followed by the Member channels in some cases.

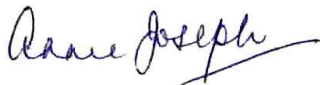
The Authority was of the view that in matters which are *sub judice*, it is legitimate to give information without advocating a judgement or inclining towards a verdict. The intention of reporting *sub judice* matters is that it should not lead to “trial by media” but should facilitate a ‘fair trial’ without prejudice to either side in accordance with the best tenets and practice of the rule of law.

It is therefore once again reiterated by the Authority that while telecasting matters which are *sub judice*, the aforesaid Guidelines must be strictly adhered to and monitored at the highest editorial level.

The Authority will keep a close watch on reporting of *sub judice* matters and non-compliance would lead to *suo motu* action by the Authority.

Kindly circulate to all concerned.

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*Encl: As above*

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