

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 31.07.2000
ANSWERED ON
CRIMES AND SUICIDES BEING ENCOURAGED BY ELECTRONIC MEDIA

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government are aware of the incidents in which children have committed crimes and suicides being encouraged by media especially electronic media;
- (b) if so, whether Government have issued new directives for the programmes being telecast; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

- (a) Representations have been received occasionally alleging certain TV programmes as cause of commission of crimes by children. However, so far, no definite correlation has been established between the two in such cases.
- (b) & (c): Government has not issued any new directive to the media as they are expected to function within the prescribed statutory or self regulatory codes and practices, wherever applicable.