Appendix IV

Doordarshan/All India Radio Code

Broadcasts on all India Radio By Individuals will not permit

1. Criticism of friendly countries
2. Attack on religion or communities
3. Anything obscene or defamatory
4. Incitement to violence or anything against maintenance of law and order
5. Anything amounting to contempt of Court
6. Aspersions against the integrity of the President, Government and Judiciary
7. Attack on a political party by name
8. Hostile criticism of any State or the Centre
9. Anything showing disrespect to the constitution or advocating change in the constitution by violence, but advocating changes in a constitutional way should not be debarred.

The following conventions which are being observed by AIR have not been included in the amended Code circulated as above. However, these conventions must be continued to be observed as before.

1. Appeal for funds are disallowed except in national emergencies
2. exclusion of trade names in broadcasts which amount to advertising directly (except in Commercial Service)
3. Direct publicity is not permitted for or on behalf of an individual or organisation which is likely to benefit only that individual or organisation.

If a Station Director finds that the above Code has not been respected in any particular or particulars by an intending broadcaster, he will draw the latter’s attention to the passages objected to. If intending broadcaster refuses to accept the
Station Director's suggestions and modify his script accordingly, the Station Director will be justified in refusing his or her broadcast.

Cases of unresolved differences of opinion between a Minister of State Government and the Station Director about the interpretation of the code with respect to a talk to be broadcast by the former will be referred to the Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, who will decide finally whether or not any change in the text of the talk was necessary in order to avoid violation of the code.