



Broadcasting Matter

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Submission Details

Responsible Section	Content Investigation Section	Queue	ACMA Content Investigations Section
Submitted By	[Redacted]	Date Received	22/08/2023
Subtype	BM	Online Reference Number	ACMA-BM-3288GYUL13
Submitted: Broadcast Program	"Shut up or suck up": The Price of Success in Bollywood		
Submitted: Broadcast Station	ABC		
Submitted: Broadcast Location	Woongarah, NSW		
Submitted: Captioning Broadcaster Type			
Submitted: Have you contacted the broadcaster?	Yes - response received		
Submitted: Broadcast Date(s)	10/08/2023 8:00:00 PM		
Submitted: Program / Event	"Shut up or suck up": The Price of Success in Bollywood		
Submitted: Complainant's Location	[Redacted]		

**Submitted: Media Content Service Provider**

**Submitted: Have you contacted the broadcaster?** Yes - response received

**Submitted: Event Date(s)** 10/08/2023 8:00:00 PM

**Submitted: Sporting Program**

**Submitted: Complainant's Location** 

**Submitted: Gambling Service**

**Submitted: Streaming Service**

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**Submitted: Streaming Service Type**

**Submitted: Date(s) of Advertisement Seen** 10/08/2023 8:00:00 PM

**Submitted: Regulations**

The ABC is presenting an impartial and biased view in this 'so called documentary'.

**Summary**

Biased, Partial and Prejudiced Reporting by Avani Diaz

Complaint Submitted to ABC:

Subject: Biased and One sided anti-Modi Propaganda

Your Comments: Points to Note:

1) India is a democracy and PM Modi is the elected leader of India.

2) Prior to Partition, East and West Pakistan and India were one country. Hindus (and Sikhs) were beaten, forcibly converted, raped, killed and evicted from their lands in Pakistan. They

have no rights whatsoever in Pakistan. Why is there no mention of this? If a program is talking about Minority rights in India, they also have to mention what rights are given in the Islamic country of Pakistan to non-Muslims.

3) The are no News worthy facts given in this program, only opinions and propaganda against Hindus and the BJP. Please clarify the factual News in this article.

4) When an "BJP Agenda" is talked about, they are not giving any statement of fact by the BJP or Narendra Modi, they are giving the opinion of Prof. Ira Bhasker who appears to be anti-BJP (for an unknown reason). This is not factual.

5) In the interview with 'Swara' Bhasker, a little known actor, who feels discriminated against by Bollywood and the BJP and feels she has to 'Suck up or shut up', this is her experience and does not take into consideration the many more famous and well known Hindu and Muslim actors who are highly successful in Bollywood. If Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan and Aamir Khan (all Muslims) can rule Bollywood in a Hindu Majority Country, that says a lot about how bad an actress Swara Bhasker is.

6) The Professor Ira Bhasker who is giving her learned opinion about how the BJP are negatively influencing Bollywood is the mother of Swara Bhasker (who feels discriminated against by Bollywood). So no possibility of bias there then! LOL!

7) The correspondent Avani Dias states that the Director Vivek Agnihotri does not consent to his interview being published. It is however still published without his consent.

8) Regarding the film "Kashmir Files", Prof ira explains that Kashmiri Hindu Pandits were killed and forced into exile to leave Kashmir as a matter of factual history. This is followed by Avani Dias questioning the opening scenes of the movie whereby a Hindu boy is being beaten by Muslim men in Kashmir. This appears to be an accurate representation of what the Professor has just explained. If it makes her feel uncomfortable, that's because it is a fact and may not be what she would like to pretend the truth to be.

9) It appears that the ABC has an agenda aligned with that of the BBC to discredit Hindus. Please explain the reason for this.

Response received from ABC:

In addition to the points that I have made in my original complaint, it is clear that this Foreign Correspondent Program has only presented a one-sided (minority) view of Bollywood, the BJP and Hindu people. It does not present in fair light what the majority Hindu views are or even what the views of more successful actors or other Directors may be. Even the Director Vivek Agnihotri who is presented as being partisan is misrepresented.

I received a response from ABC that I am dissatisfied with. Unfortunately, there is insufficient space here to include the response.

I feel that this program has a clear agenda to present an anti-Hindu and anti-Modi viewpoint. It is therefore politically biased and not presenting a fair and balanced impartial view of Indians to its Australian audience. I am dissatisfied with the response that I have received from the ABC and do not feel that the ABC Ombudsman Office is well placed to give a fair and independent review of my complaint. Therefore I would like to refer my complaint to the ACMA.

## General

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Type

Valid Complaint

Enquiry Category

Complaint Category

Valid Complaint – s.150 of the BSA

ENQUIRY/COMPLAINT ISSUE

Allegation that the content of the program was political biased and lacked impartiality when presenting views of the Indians to Australia audience - impartiality

Enquirer/Complainant



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Date Responded

24/08/2023

AIMS Complainant Details

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National Broadcasting

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LEGACY LICENCING INFORMATION

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Commercial

Other

BROADCASTING DETAILS

Broadcaster  Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Broadcasting Program  Foreign Correspondent

Program Type  Current Affairs

Broadcast Location 

DATE(S) OF BROADCAST (dd/mm/yyyy)

10/08/2023

Gambling Advertisement Details

Sporting Program

Complainant's Location 

Gambling Service

Gambling Service Type

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Program

Program Detail

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