

What happened to broadcasting bill, high court asks government

Asking the government to formulate policies to restrain TV channels from carrying out vindictive sting operations, the Delhi High Court Wednesday wanted to know the fate of the broadcasting bill that is supposed to regulate the channels.

A division bench headed by Chief Justice M.K. Sharma directed the information and broadcasting ministry to file its reply by Monday.

The direction came in response to a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by social worker Rahul Verma that cited the case of Delhi teacher Uma Khurana, who was the victim of a fake sting that purported to show her running a prostitution and porn racket involving schoolgirls.

Khurana was released on bail Monday. The telecast of the sting on Live India channel triggered large-scale violence in and around the school in central Delhi where Khurana worked as a crowd attacked the school and manhandled her.

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