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NCW Calls for Immediate Action to Curb Obscene Content on OTT Platforms and Social Media Streaming Sites

New Delhi, 10 Feb 2025: The National Commission for Women (NCW) has raised serious concerns regarding the increasing prevalence of obscene content on various Over-the-Top (OTT) platforms and social media streaming sites. This content, which is easily accessible to people of all age groups, has raised alarms about its negative impact on society, particularly on women and children.

In a letter to Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, Hon'ble Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Smt. Vijaya Rahatkar, Chairperson of the NCW, emphasized the need for immediate regulatory measures to address this issue. The Commission highlighted the violation of multiple legal provisions, including the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, the Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS), the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, and the Information Technology (IT) Act, among others. Such content not only perpetuates harmful stereotypes but also poses a direct threat to the safety and dignity of women and children.

The NCW has urged the Ministry to take swift action by issuing strict guidelines that prevent platforms from streaming or allowing users to upload inappropriate or obscene content. The Commission called on the authorities to enforce stringent censorship and content moderation systems to protect the public from exposure to harmful material.

The Commission has also requested that the action taken by the Ministry be communicated to the NCW at the earliest to ensure swift follow-up on the matter. The Chairperson of NCW has reiterated that ensuring the safety,

dignity, and well-being of women is paramount and must be prioritized across all digital platforms.

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