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**New Delhi: December 10, 2008** óó In an interactive meeting convened today by Mr. Anand Sharma, Honøble Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting, with the representatives of News Broadcasters Association (NBA) and other television broadcasters, the Government appreciated the self-regulation and redressal regulations adopted by the News Broadcasters Association for its members. The Secretary, Information & Broadcasting, reiterated the Governmentø stand that the first level of regulation would always øvest with the broadcastersö.

The broadcasters on their part reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen the self-regulation guidelines in the light of dramatic events of 26/11 and its aftermath. The Authority set up by the NBA under the Chairmanship of Justice (Retd.) J.S. Verma, former Chief Justice of India would work towards creating an emergency protocol for all news channels in 26/11 like situations.

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**Annie Joseph**  
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