

To,
Mr. Pahlaj Nihalani,
Central Board of Film Certification,
Bharat Bhavan, 91-E, Valkeshwar Road,
Mumbai - 400004

Subject : Request you to refuse CBFC certification to 'Mohalla Assi', which denigrates Lord Shiva and shows pilgrim place Varanasi in negative light

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Director Dr. Chandra Prakash Dwivedi's upcoming movie **Mohalla Assi's** trailer was released a few days ago. Mohalla Assi is based on Varanasi, a pilgrim place of immense importance to the Hindus. The trailer shows numerous dialogues and scenes which show Varanasi in negative light. Also included in the trailer are scenes, where a character in the guise of Lord Shiva is shown as a common street hustler and also seen mouthing some very foul language. The scenes not only hurt the sentiments of the Hindus but also malign the image of the holy city of Varanasi.

Some of the filthy dialogues from the movie trailer have been reproduced below :

The following dialogues malign the image of the Holy city of Varanasi

1. Maharaj wo mineral water se kaam nai chalega kya ?

Mineral Water chaiye toh kahin aur jao **bh*sk**e (A priest is telling this to a pilgrim)**

2. Kaun Sanskrit padh raha hai, sab sale Banaras mein **charas, ganja** aur rukney ka bahana dhoond rahe hai

3. Bina gaali ke yahan pyaar aur aashirwad ka len den hota hai kya ?

4. **Har Har Mahadev ke saath bh*sad*dk*** ka nara toh Kashi ka sarwajanik abhiwadan hai bhaiya

(The Shankaracharya of Dwarakapeeth has clarified that when people accidentally utter any obscenity, they immediately repent by taking Lord Shiva's name. It has been completely misrepresented in the movie

dialogue.)

Looking at the dialogues any person will come to a conclusion that the Hindus living in Varanasi are uncouth and foul mouthed !

The following dialogues are uttered by an actor who is dressed as Lord Shiva.

1. Uth **Ch**tiy***, jahan tune mujhe rakha hai, wo mandir hai ya maachis ?
2. Excuse me! Photo only with lord Shiva, 100 Rs.! With Holy Ganga water 200 Rs.! **(The actor addresses this to a group of foreign visitors)**

These dialogues are highly denigrating! To show Lord Shiva as a common street hustler and also to make the actor utter such filthy dialogues is despicable to say the least. Moreover, Varanasi is a place which is held sacred by Hindus, because it is believed that Lord Shiva incarnated here in the form of a brilliant pillar of Light. To show the same Shiva in such poor taste seems to be a deliberate attempt to hurt the sentiments of Hindus.

The whole world is turning to Hindu Dharma. People from all over the world come to India and visit Hindu pilgrim sites in search of peace, tranquility and self realization. Varanasi is also one such place where many people have found their inner peace. By showing that the people of Varanasi are foul mouthed and unwelcoming, the movie is clearly trying to malign the image of Varanasi.

Mohalla Assi is not just a movie that can be ignored. Youngsters who watch this movie will not only be misguided about the importance of pilgrim places like Varanasi, they may also lose faith in Lord Shiva.

Recently, Jagatguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri Swaroopanand Saraswatiji also expressed His unhappiness about the movie's negative portrayal of Varanasi and the people there. Also, Hindus from various parts of the country are protesting against the movie. So we request you respect the sentiments of Hindus and not issue a certificate to the movie Mohalla Assi.

Please acknowledge this letter and inform us in writing about action taken by you, failing which, we will be forced to start a protest campaign. Awaiting prompt action and reply.

Regards,

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