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Don't allow hate
speech in media,
says Sashi Kumar

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Hate speech in media should not be allowed to be disguised as free speech or religious freedom by majoritarian forces, veteran journalist Sashi Kumar said in an intervention application in the Supreme Court.

Creating communal disharmony and hatred is an offence under Section 153A of the Indian Penal Code. A crime cannot be camouflaged as the right to free speech, Mr. Kumar, represented by advocate Kaleeswaram Raj, argued.

Mr. Kumar said it was "important to guard against the State not only when it curtails the freedom of speech but also when it encourages hate speech in the guise of freedom of expression which is against the ideology of the Constitution".