

Sanjay Dutt's Aakhri Sawal trailer stuck with censor board a week before release

The trailer for Sanjay Dutt's *Aakhri Sawal*, based on the history of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), has yet to be released, even as the film is scheduled to hit theatres on May 8 - just a week away. India Today has exclusively learnt that the trailer is currently pending clearance from the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC).

According to industry sources, the makers submitted the trailer to the board several days ago but are still awaiting approval. Typically, trailer certifications are processed within three working days. However, in this case, four days have passed without a response.

"The makers of *Aakhri Sawal* are still unable to release the trailer due to lack of clarity and no response from the CBFC. As per the rules, a response is expected to be delivered within 3 working days, but it has

already been 4 days," a source told India Today.

The delay comes despite the trailer having been revised and resubmitted twice. Sources indicate that the board has yet to communicate any definitive feedback to the filmmakers.

Trailer revised twice

"The makers have revised the trailer twice, yet there is still no definitive communication. This uncertainty has left the producers and the entire team anxious about what they should do," the source added.

Aakhri Sawal, directed by Abhijeet Mohan Warang, is a courtroom drama that traces a century-long history of the RSS. The film engages with politically sensitive themes, including the Babri Masjid demolition.

The film has not been certified yet

The film was first submitted to the board



on April 20, with its screening taking place on April 27. Industry practice dictates that screenings may take time to schedule, as board members must be notified and a mutually convenient time is arranged.

While the makers have already unveiled the film's first look and an official teaser, neither the trailer nor the film itself has received certification so far. With the theatrical release date fast approaching, the lack of clearance has raised concerns within the production team.

Aakhri Sawal is produced by Nikhil Nanda and Sanjay Dutt.

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