

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA HOME
(POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT**

No. HPL/199/2018/140

Dated Shillong, the 9th March, 2026

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, report have been received from Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, Tura, and the Superintendent of Police, West Garo Hills, Tura that several incidents having a potential to disturb public peace and tranquillity, have occurred in Tura on the 9th of March, 2026, in connection with the issue of filing of nominations for the GHADC elections, and that several incidents have been reported in Tura that have a potential to cause a threat to public safety in West Garo Hills District which may likely cause breakdown of law and order.

Whereas, these reports have stated that there were several incidents on assault on civilians, gathering of large crowds and misinformation being spread through social media to cause social disharmony between communities, in West Garo Hills District, Tura.

Whereas, messaging system like WhatsApp and social media platforms like Facebook, X (Formerly Twitter), YouTube, Instagram, etc. are likely to be used for transmission of information through pictures, videos and text, having the potential to cause serious breakdown of law and order.

Therefore, in order to prevent the misuse of the above mentioned media to disturb peace and tranquillity in the State of Meghalaya and for maintaining law and order, I, Shri F. R. Kharkongor, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Home (Political) Department do hereby promulgate this notification under the provision of Section 5 (ii) of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, read with the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017 to prohibit the following types of media for a period of 48 (Forty-Eight) hours beginning from 12 A.M. on 10th March, 2026 in West Garo Hills District.

• **Mobile Internet Data services of all mobile service providers.**

Violation of this promulgation will be punishable under section 223 BNS and also under the relevant provisions of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885.



(Shri F.R. Kharkongor, IAS)

Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Home (Political) Department.

Copy to:

1. P. S. to Chief Secretary, Meghalaya.
2. The Director General of Police, Meghalaya, Shillong.
3. The Commissioner of Division for Garo Hills Districts, Tura.
4. Commissioner and Secretary, IT & C Department, Government of Meghalaya with a request to convey the order to all Mobile Telecom Service Providers in their headquarters in Shillong and to those operating in West Garo Hills District.
5. The Inspector General of Police (L&O) / (Security), Meghalaya, Shillong.
6. The Dy. Inspector General of Police (SB), Meghalaya, Shillong.
7. The Deputy Commissioners of all Districts of Meghalaya.
8. The Deputy Director General (TERM), NE-I, BSNL, Shillong.
9. Advisor, North East LSA, Department of Telecommunication, Ground floor, CTO Building, Shillong, 793001.
10. Chief General Manager, BSNL, NE-I Circle, Shillong.
11. Head of Airtel, Bharti Hexacom Ltd., Modrina Mansion, First Floor, Laitumkhrah, Main Road, Shillong-793003.
12. Head of Vodafone Mobile Service, Near Nazareth Hospital, Arbuthunot Road, Laitumkhrah, Shillong, 793003.
13. Head of Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd., 1st Floor BM Tower, Nera Fire Brigade, Madan Iewrynghep, Shillong-794014.



Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
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