

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

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No. HPL/199/2018/167

Dated Shillong, the 11th March, 2026

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, report have been received from Police Headquarters and several Deputy Commissioners of Districts in the Garo Hills Division that several incidents having a potential to disturb public peace and tranquillity, have occurred in various parts of Garo Hills on the 11th of March, 2026 in connection with the issue of the GHADC elections, and that several incidents have been reported in Tura and other locations that have a potential to cause a threat to public safety in the Districts of the Garo Hills Division which may likely cause breakdown of law and order.

Whereas, these reports have stated that there were incidents of arsons, assault on civilians, gathering of large crowds and misinformation being spread through social media to cause social disharmony between communities, in all the Districts of the Garo Hills Division,

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 in all the districts of Garo Hills Division, viz. West Garo Hills, East Garo Hills, South Garo Hills, North Garo Hills, and South West Garo Hills, with immediate effect and until further orders.

• 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.

Sd/-

(Shri. F.R. Kharkongor, IAS)

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

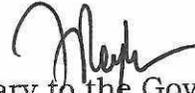
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Copy to:

1. P. S. to Chief Secretary, Govt. of 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 all the Districts in the Garo Hills Division.
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. Sh. P. William, Chief General Manager, BSNL, NE-I Circle, Shillong for information and necessary action.
11. Sh. H. L. Nongkhaw, PGM CM NE-I Circle, Shillong for information and necessary action.
12. Mr. Sib Kumar Sarma, Nodal Officer for Airtel, Bharti Hexacom Ltd., Shillong for information and necessary action.
13. Mr. Abhijit Nath, Head of Vodafone Mobile Service, Shillong for information and necessary action.
14. Mr. Pankaj Kumar Borah, Nodal Officer for Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd., Shillong for information and necessary action.

By order etc.,



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