

NOTIFICATION

This is in continuation of the Notification No. HPL/199/2018 dated 1st June, 2018.

Whereas further reports from District Magistrate, East Khasi Hills District indicate that serious law and order situation still persists in Lumdingiri and Shillong Sadar Police Stations of East Khasi Hills District having potential threat to public safety and :

Whereas further reports have been received from other Districts of Khasi Hills and Jaintia Hills about incidents of arson which are likely to spread and create serious law and order situation in the entire Khasi Hills and Jaintia Hills region of the State.

Whereas, messaging system like SMS and Whatsapp and social media platforms like Face book, Twitter and YouTube are likely to be used for the transmission of information like pictures, videos and text that have the potential to inflame passions and thus exacerbate the law and order situation :

Therefore, in order to prevent the misuse of the above mentioned media to disturb the peace and tranquility of the Khasi Hills and Jaintia Hills region and for maintaining the law and order situation, I, M.S. Rao, Additional Chief Secretary to the Government to Meghalaya, Home Department, hereby promulgate this notification under the provision of Section 5(2) 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 the next 48 (forty eight) hours beginning from 1.30 P.M. on 2nd June 2018 in the Districts of East Khasi Hills, West Khasi Hills, South West Khasi Hills, Ri Bhoi, West Jaintia Hills and East Jaintia Hills.

- (iii) SMS Messages of all Mobile Service Providers.
- (iv) Mobile Internet/Data Service of all Mobile Service Providers.

Violation of this Promulgation will be punishable under Section 188 IPC and also under the relevant provisions of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885.



(Shri M.S. Rao, IAS)
Additional Chief Secretary,
Home Department.