

Government of Meghalaya
Home Department

No. HPL/199/2018

Dated Shillong, the 1st June 2018.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas I have received a report today from District Magistrate, East Khasi Hills District that a serious law and order situation prevails in Lumdiengjri and Shillong Sadar Police Stations of East Khasi Hills District having potential threat to public safety and :

Whereas, messaging system like SMS and Whatsapp and social media platforms like Face book, Twitter and YouTube and 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 East Khasi Hills District 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 24 (twenty four) hours beginning from 1.30.P.M. on 1st June 2018 in the East Khasi Hills District.

- (i) SMS Messages of all Mobile Service Providers.
- (ii) 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.

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