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NOTIFICATION

No.POL.34/91/Vol.II/93,

Dated Shillong, the 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

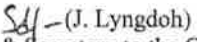
Whereas, on the basis of reports received from the Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills District, there is apprehension of a serious breakdown of public order in West Garo Hills District on account of rampant and indiscriminate use of mobile phones and other electronic devices to disseminate messages calling upon eligible voters to desist from exercising their constitutional right of franchise in the ensuing poll to the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council scheduled to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2015; and

Whereas, certain electronic devices are being used extensively for the transmission of messages that have the potential to inflame passions on communal lines and thus exacerbate the law and order situation in the Garo Hills Districts; and

Whereas, on the basis of reports received from police and other sources, there is an urgent need to prevent the misuse of certain mobile phones in all the 5 (five) districts in Garo Hills to contain the proliferation of false propaganda and spread of malicious rumour which have the tendency to cause avoidable panic and unfounded tension in the minds of the voters and foment incitement along communal lines;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (2) of section 5 of Part II of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and having been satisfied on the basis of reports that it is necessary and expedient so to do, the State Government hereby directs that transmission of any message/class of messages, to or from any person or class of persons or from identified mobile phones through any electronic devices including mobile phones, shall be temporarily blocked with immediate effect and till 1700 Hrs on 15.10.2015. The Special Director General of Police (SB), Meghalaya is hereby designated as the authorized officer who shall communicate the specific details like SIM Card No. along with their associated IMEI numbers to the Deputy Director General, TERM, NE-1, Meghalaya, Shillong, who shall in turn communicate such details to the Service Providers concerned.

The mobile phone numbers, e-mails IDs, or social media accounts through which the aforesaid details are being communicated or are likely to be communicated will be specified by the Special Director General of Police (SB).

 (J. Lyngdoh)  
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Political Department

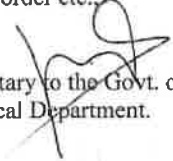
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Copy to:-

1. P.S. to Chief Secretary, Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
2. Shri Nitin Jain, Deputy Director General (TERM), NE-1, BSNL, Shillong.
3. The Director General of Police, Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information.
4. The Commissioner of Division, Garo Hills Division.
5. The Special Director General of Police (SB), Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of information and further necessary action.
6. Deputy Commissioners, Tura/Williamnagar/Baghmara/Resubelpara/Ampati for information.
7. Superintendent of Polices, Tura/Williamnagar/Baghmara/Resubelpara/Ampati for information.
8. All Service Providers for information.

By order etc.

  
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