GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA HOME DEPARTMENT

No. HPL/199/2018/13

Dated Shillong the 12th December, 2019

NOTIFICATION

Whereas various inputs/reports have been received from Police Headquarters, Meghalaya, Shillong that a law and order situation prevails within the state of Meghalaya having potential threat to public safety and:

Whereas, messaging system like SMS and Whatsapp and social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter and You Tube are likely to be used for the transmission of information through pictures, videos and text that have the potential to cause civil unrest and exacerbate the law and order situation.

Therefore in order to prevent the misuse of the above mentioned media to disturb peace and tranquility in the whole State of Meghalaya and for maintaining law and order. I, C.V.D. Diengdoh, Additional Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Home (Police) Department do 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 5:00 PM on 12th December, 2019 in the entire State of Meghalaya.

- (i) SMS of all Mobile Service Providers.
- (ii) Mobile Internet / Data Services of all Mobile Services Providers.

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

Sd/(Shri C.V.D. Diengdoh, IAS)
Additional Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Home (Police) Department

Memo No HPL. 199/2018/13-A, Copy to:-

Dated Shillong the 12th December 2019.

- 1. P.S to Chief Secretary, Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
- 2. P.S. to Addl. Chief Secretary, Political Department for kind information of the Addl. Chief Secretary.
- 3. The Deputy Director General (TERM), NE-1, BSNL, Shillong.
- 4. The Director General of Police, Meghalaya, Shillong.
- 5. The Commissioner of Division for East, West and South West Khasi Hills, East, West Jaintia Hills and Ri-Bhoi Districts, Shillong.
- 6. The Commissioner of Division for North, East, West and South West Garo Hills, Tura.
- 7. The Inspector General of Police (SB), Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of information and further necessary action.
- 8. The Deputy Commissioners of all the Districts of Meghalaya.
- 9. The Superintendents of Police of All the Districts of Meghalaya.

- 0. Shri Ravi Kant, Advisor, North-East LSA, Department of Telecommunications, Ground Floor, CTO Building, Shillong – 793001.
- 1. Shri B. Chandra Sekar Chief General Manager, BSNL NE-I Circle, Shillong.
- 2. Shri Sib Sharma, Airtel, Bharati Hexacom limited, Mordina Mansion, 1st Floor, Laithumkhrah Main Road, Shillong – 793003.
- 3. Shri Kuldeep Choudhury, Idea Cellular, BM Tower, 2nd Floor Above Cheverolet Showroom, Nonthymai, Lumsohphoh, Near Fire Brigade, Jowai Road, Shillong -793014.
- 4. Shri Sanjib Bora, Vodafone Mobile Service, Near Nazareth Hospital, Arbuthnot Road, Laithumkhrah, Shillong - 793003.
- 5. Shri Manish H. Nath, Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd., 1st Floor, B.M. Towe, Near Fire Brigade, Madan Iewrynghep, Shillong - 793014.
- 5. Shri Saumyajit Choudhury, Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd., First Floor, B.M. Tower, Near Fire Brigade, Madan Iewrynghep, Shillong – 793014.

By order etc.,

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Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,

Home (Police) Department.