GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA HOME (POLICE) DEPARTMENT

No. HPL/199/2018/137

Dated Shillong, the 25th November 2022

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, reports have been received from Police Headquarters, Meghalaya, Shillong that subsequent to the untoward incident which occurred in Mukroh, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai, several incidents having a potential to disturb public peace and tranquility, and cause a threat to public safety in West Jaintia Hills, East Jaintia Hills, East Khasi Hills, Ri-Bhoi, Eastern West Khasi Hills, West Khasi Hills, and South West Khasi Hills, and which may likely cause breakdown of law and order.

Whereas, reports have also been received from Police Headquarters of assault on civilians, arson and damage of public properties occurring in East Khasi Hills District and other districts of the State.

Whereas, messaging system like WhatsApp and social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube 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 tranquility in the State of Meghalaya and for maintaining law and order, I, Dr Shakil P. Ahammed, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Home 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 for another period of 48 (Forty-Eight) hours beginning from 10:30 am on 26th November 2022 in the 7 (seven) districts of Meghalaya namely, West Jaintia Hills, East Jaintia Hills, East Khasi Hills, Ri - Bhoi, Eastern West Khasi Hills, West Khasi Hills, and South West Khasi HillsDistricts.

• Mobile Internet I Data services 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.

(Dr Shakil P. Ahammed, IAS)
Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Home Department.

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Copy to:

- 1. P. S. to Chief Secretary, Meghalaya.
- 2. The Director General of Police, Meghalaya, Shillong.
- 3. The Commissioner of Division for Khasi Hills, Ri Bhoi and Jaintia Hills District, Shillong.
- 4. The Inspector General of Police (L&O) / (Security), Meghalaya, Shillong.
- 5. The Dy. Inspector General of Police (SB), Meghalaya, Shillong.
- 6. The Deputy Commissioners of all Districtsof Meghalaya.
- 7. The Deputy Director General (TERM), NE-I, BSNL, Shillong.
- 8. Shri. Ravi Kant, Advisor, North East LSA, Department of Telecommunication, Ground floor, CTO Building, Shillong, 793001.
- 9. Shri. B. Chandra Sekar, Chief General Manager, BSNL, NE-I Circle, Shillong.
- 10. Shri. Sib Sharma, Airtel, Bharti Hexacom Ltd., Modrina Mansion, First Floor, Laitumkhrah, Main Road, Shillong-793003.
- 11. Shri. Kuldeep Choudhary, Idea Cellular, BM Tower, 2nd Floor above Chevrolet Showroom, Nongthymmai, Lumsohphoh, near Fire-Brigade Jowai Road, Shillong- 793014.
- 12. Shri. Sanjib Bora, Vodafone Mobile Service, Near Nazareth Hospital, Arbuthunot Road, Laitumkhrah, Shillong,793003.
- 13. Shri. Manish H. Nath, Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd., 1stFloor BM Tower, Nera Fire Brigade, Madan Iewrynghep, Shillong-794014.

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Home Department.