## GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA HOME (POLICE) DEPARTMENT

NO. HPL/199/2018/20

Dated Shillong the 28th February, 2020

## **NOTIFICATION**

Whereas reports have been received from Police Headquarters, Meghalaya, Shillong that law and order situation has arisen in East Khasi Hills District including incidents of vandalism and arson which have a potential to disturb public peace and tranquillity, and cause a threat to public safety, and;

Whereas, messaging system like SMS and Whatsapp and social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter and YouTube are likely to be used for transmission of information through pictures, videos and text and have the potential to cause serious breakdown of Law & Order.

Therefore in order to prevent the misuse of the above mentioned media to disturb peace and tranquillity in the State of Meghalaya and for maintaining law and order. I, C.V.D. Diengdoh, IAS, Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Home (Police) 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 the next 48(forty eight) hours beginning from 10:00 pm on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in the 6(six) districts of Meghalaya namely, East Jaintia Hills, West Jaintia Hills, East Khasi Hills, Ri Bhoi, West Khasi Hills and South West Khasi Hills Districts.

- (1) SMS of all Mobile Service Providers will be limited to 5(five) SMSs per day and
- (2) Mobile Internet/ 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.

(Shri, C.V.D.Diengdoh, IAS,)
Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Home(Police) Department
Dated Shillong the 28th February, 2020

Memo no HPL/199/2018/20-A,

Copy to:-

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-I, 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 and Jaintla Hills and Ri Bhoi District Shillong
- 6. The Addl. Director General of Police(SB), Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of kind information and further necessary action.

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