



GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT : HOME DEPARTMENT

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MOST IMMEDIATE

ORDERS

Imphal, the 3rd May, 2023

No.H-3607/4/2022-HD-HD : Whereas, Director General of Police, Manipur vide letter No.IC/11(163)/2008-PHQ(Pt)/01422 dated 03-05-2023 reported that, All Tribal Student's Union Manipur (ATSUM) organized a rally in all hill districts on 03-05-2023 with total shutdown in all hill districts from 6 A.M. to 4 P.M. in protest against the demand for inclusion of Meitei/Meetei in Scheduled Tribe (ST) category. During this rally and total shutdown there are reports on incidents like fighting amongst volunteers/youths of different communities and situation is tense and volatile in the districts of Bishnupur and Churachandpur.

2. And whereas, some **anti-social elements** are using social media extensively for transmission of images, hate speech and hate video messages inciting the passions of the public. The social media has also become a **handy tool for rumor mongers** and is being **used to incite general public** which might have **serious repercussions for the law and order** situation in the State of Manipur.

3. And whereas, there is an imminent danger of loss of life and /or damage to public/private property, and wide spread disturbances to public tranquillity and communal harmony, as a result of inflammatory material and false rumours, which are being/could be transmitted/circulated to the public through social media/ messaging services on mobile services, SMS services and dongle services.

4. And whereas, to thwart the design and activities of anti-national and anti-social elements and to maintain peace and communal harmony and to prevent any loss of life or danger to public/private property, it has become necessary to take adequate measures to maintain law and order in public interest, by stopping the spread of disinformation and false rumours, **through various social media platform such as Whatsapp, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter etc. on mobile phone** and SMS, for facilitating and/or mobilization of mobs of agitators and demonstrators, which can cause loss of life and/or damage to public/private property by indulging in arson/vandalism and other types of violent activities.

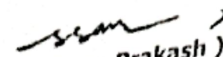
5. Now, therefore in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 2 of Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017, having satisfied that the above situation is likely to cause serious disturbances to the entire peaceful co-existence of the communities and maintenance of public order, do hereby order suspension/curbing of **mobile data services** in the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Manipur. All Mobile Service providers are hereby directed to ensure compliance of this order.

6. This order is issued to prevent any disturbances of peace and public order in the jurisdiction of the State of Manipur and shall be in force for the **next 5(five) days with immediate effect** from the time this suspension order becomes operational.

7. The order is being passed ex-parte in view of the emergent situation. It shall be published for the information of public through press and electronic media.

8. Any person found guilty for violation of aforesaid orders will be liable for legal action.

By orders & in the name
of the Governor,


(H. Gyan Prakash)
Commissioner (Home),
Government of Manipur
Commissioner (Home,
Government of Manipur