

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

No. 2/1/2022-1H (C)

Dated Chandigarh the 17.06.22

ORDER UNDER SECTION 5 OF INDIAN TELEGRAPH ACT, 1885 AND RULE 2 OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF TELECOM SERVICES (PUBLIC EMERGENCY OR PUBLIC SAFETY) RULES, 2017

- Whereas, it has been brought to my notice vide No. MA/2022/5513 dated 17.06.2022 by Deputy Commissioner, Mahendergarh that there is a likelihood of causing tension, annoyance, obstruction or injury to persons, danger to human life and property, disturbance of public peace and tranquility in district Mahendergarh of the state of Haryana by the protesters, agitators, miscreants and anti-social elements, in view of the potential law and order situation aroused on account of new army recruitment policy.
- 2. And whereas, there is a clear potential of disruption of public utilities, damage to public assets and amenities and disturbance of public law and order in district Mahendergarh on account of misuse of internet services by way of spread of inflammatory material and false rumours, which are being/could be transmitted/circulated to the public through social media/ messaging services on mobile internet services, SMS services and other dongle services.
- 3. In order to stop the spread of disinformation and rumours through various social media platforms, such as WhatsApp, Facebook Twitter, etc. on mobile phones and SMS, for facilitation and mobilisation of mobs of agitators and demonstrators who can cause serious loss of life and damage to public and private properties by indulging in arson or vandalism and other types of violent activities.
- Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred upon me by virtue of Section 5 of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 to be read along with Rule (2) of Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017, I , Home Secretary, Haryana hereby do order the suspension of the mobile internet services (2G/3G/4G/CDMA/GPRS), all SMS services (only bulk SMS & excluding banking and mobile recharge) and all dongle services etc. provided on mobile networks except the voice calls in the territorial jurisdiction of district Mahendergarh of Haryana State. All telecom service providers of Haryana are hereby directed to ensure the compliance of this order.
- 5. This order is issued to prevent any disturbance of peace and public order in the jurisdiction of district Mahendergarh in the state of Haryana and shall be in force for next 24 hours with immediate effect i.e. 17.06.2022 (16:30 hrs). This order is being passed ex-parte in view of the emergent situation as explained in earlier paragraphs. Any person found guilty of violation of aforesaid order will be liable for legal action under relevant provisions.

(Rajee Arora)
Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana,
Home Department

Copy to the following for immediate necessary action: -

- ADGP/CID, Haryana w.r.to his request under reference. He is directed to convey and get this order implemented immediately through all mobile service providers.
- Director Public Relations, Haryana (For vide publicity of this order)
- 3. Deputy Commissioner, Mahendergarh
- Superintendent IT Cell, Home Department (to upload this order on Home Department website)