

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

Dated Chandigarh the 17.06. 2022

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

- Whereas, it has been brought to my notice by Deputy Commissioner, Palwal &
 Faridabad and recommended by Director General of Police, Haryana in both cases that
 there is an apprehension of intensification of protests/misuse of social media/bulk SMS
 for spreading rumours by anti-social element to disturb peace and tranquility which
 may cause serious law & order situation in district Palwal and Sub Division Ballabgarh
 of district Faridabad.
- 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 Palwal & Sub Division Ballabgarh 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.
- 4. 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 do here by order the suspension of the mobile internet services (2G/3G/4G/CDMA/GPRS), all SMS services (including 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 Palwal and Sub Division Ballabgarh of district Faridabad of Haryana State. All telecom service providers of Haryana are hereby directed to ensure the compliance of this order.
- 5. This order is being extended to prevent any disturbance of peace and public order in the jurisdiction of District Palwal and Sub Division Ballabgarh of district Faridabad and shall be in force w.e.f. 17.06.22 (20:00hrs) in case of district Palwal and w.e.f. 17.06.2022 (22:00 hrs) in case of Sub Division Ballabgarh district Faridabad till next 24 hours. 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.

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

Copy to the following for immediate necessary action: -

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