

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

No. 2/1/2023-1H (C)

Dated Chandigarh the 31.07.2023

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

- 1. Whereas, it has been brought to my notice by DGP Haryana, ADGP/CID/Haryana as well as Deputy Commissioners of Palwal & Gurugram that there is a likelihood of causing communal tension, annoyance, obstruction and injury to persons, danger to human life and public property, disturbance of public peace and tranquility in district Palwal & Gurugram in view of the law & order situation arouse in the adjourning district Nuh.
- 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 & in the territorial jurisdiction of Sub Division Sohna, Pataudi & Manesar of district Gurugram 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 misinformation 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 hereby order the suspension of the mobile internet services (2G/3G/4G/5G/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 Palwal and territorial jurisdiction of Sub Division Sohna, Pataudi & Manesar of district Gurugram 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 Palwal and Gurugram in the state of Haryana and shall be in force w.e.f. 31.07.2023 (22:30hrs) to 02.08.2023 (23:59 hrs) in district Palwal and only territorial jurisdiction of Sub Division Sohna, Pataudi & Manesar of district Gurugram. 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.

(T.V.S.N. Prasad)
Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana,
Home Department

Copy to the following for immediate necessary action: -

- 1. Chief Secretary, Haryana, Chairman Review Committee.
- 2. ADGP/CID, Haryana w.r.to his request dated 31.07.23 and get the above order implemented immediately through all mobile service providers.
- 3. Director Public Relations, Haryana (For vide publicity of this order)
- 4. Commissioner of Police, Gurugram for information.
- 5. Deputy Commissioner, Palwal & Gurugram for information w.r.to his request dated 31.07.23 mentioned above.
- 6. Superintendent IT Cell, Home Department (to upload this order on Home Department website)