

No. 2/1/2021-1H (C)

Dated Chandigarh the 29.01.2021

## ORDER UNDER RULE 2 OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF TELECOM SERVICES (PUBLIC EMERGENCY OR PUBLIC SAFETY) RULES, 2017

- 1. Whereas, it has been brought to my notice vide No. 39/HITAC, CID dated 29.01.2021 by Addl. Director General of Police, CID, Haryana that provocative misinformation and fake news on social media regarding ongoing farmers agitation has been rampant across in various districts of Haryana and there is a likelihood of disturbance of law & order, public peace and tranquility in some districts of the state of Haryana by protesters, agitators, miscreants and anti social elements.
- 2. And whereas, there is a clear potential of disruption of public utilities, damage to public assets and amenities and description of public law and order in some districts 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 and divisive propaganda 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 the suspension of the mobile internet hereby order (2G/3G/4G/CDMA/GPRS), all SMS services (excluding banking and mobile recharge) and all dongle services etc. provided on mobile networks except the voice calls in the territorial jurisdiction of District Ambala, Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra, Karnal, Kaithal, Panipat, Hisar, Jind, Rohtak, Bhiwani, Charkhi Dadri, Rewari, Fatehabad and Sirsa of Haryana State. All telecom service providers of Haryana including the Head of BSNL (Haryana jurisdiction) are here by 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 Districts of Ambala, Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra, Karnal, Kaithal, Panipat, Hisar, Jind, Rohtak, Bhiwani, Charkhi Dadri, Rewari, Fatehabad and Sirsa in the state of Haryana and shall be in force with immediate effect i.e. 29.01.2021 up to 30.01.2021 (17:00 hrs) and the order issued vide dated 28.01.2021 in respect of districts Sonipat, Jhajjar & Palwal is also extended for next 24 hrs. i.e. upto 30.01.2021(17:00 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 afore said order will be liable for legal action under relevant provisions.

(Rajeev Arora)

Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Home Department

ADGP/CID, Haryana to convey and get this order implemented immediately through all mobile service providers.