



**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS**

No. 2/1/2024-1H (C)

Dated Chandigarh the 20.02.2024

**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, after assessment of the current prevailing law & order situation in the state, the conditions are still critical and tense in the district Ambala, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Jind, Hisar, Fatehabad and Sirsa. I am of the considered view that there is a clear potential of disruption of public utilities, damage to public assets and amenities and disturbance of public law and order in these 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.
2. 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 mobilization 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.
3. 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 extend the order of suspension of the mobile internet services (2G/3G/4G/5G/CDMA/GPRS), bulk SMS (**excluding banking and mobile recharge**) and all dongle services etc. provided on mobile networks except the voice calls in the jurisdiction of districts Ambala, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Jind, Hisar, Fatehabad and Sirsa of Haryana State. All telecom service providers of Haryana are hereby directed to ensure the compliance of this order.
4. It is emphasized that this order is being issued after taking utmost care of public convenience by exempting individual SMS, mobile recharge, banking SMS, Voice calls, internet services provided by broadband and lease lines of corporate and domestic households, thus not affecting the commercial/financial interest of the State and basic domestic needs of individuals.
5. This order is extended to prevent any disturbance of peace and public order in the jurisdiction of Districts Ambala, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Jind, Hisar, Fatehabad and Sirsa including Dabwali in the state of Haryana and shall be in force **up to 21.02.2024 (23:59hrs)**. 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 to get the above order implemented immediately through all mobile service providers.
3. Director Public Relations, Haryana - (For wide publicity of this order)
4. Deputy Commissioners Ambala, Fatehabad, Sirsa, Jind, Kaithal, Hisar and Kurukshetra for information and necessary action.
5. Superintendents of Police, Ambala, Fatehabad, Hisar, Kaithal, Sirsa, Kurukshetra, Jind and Dabwali for information and necessary action.
6. Superintendent IT Cell, Home Department (to upload this order on Home Department website).