

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
HOME DEPARTMENT**

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**NOTIFICATION**

**Bhubaneswar, Dated the 8.12.2025**

No. HOME-CPM-MISC-0318-2025/50052/C. Whereas, it has come to the notice of the State Government that a law and order situation arisen in the Malkangiri district, the situation has escalated and became critical, with antisocial-elements circulating false, provocative and inflammatory messages via social media platforms, thereby threatening to disrupt public order and peace.

And whereas the District Administration, vide their Letter No.258/Res., dated 08.12.2025 has requested to suspend internet services temporarily in the Malkangiri District.

Whereas, messaging platforms like Whatsapp, Facebook, X and other such media etc. have the potential for the anti-social elements to circulate false, provocative and inflammatory messages, thereby leading to disturbance of public order and peace in Malkangiri district.

Now therefore, in order to prevent the spread of such inflammatory and motivated messages to circulate in the above-mentioned media to disturb the public order in Malkangiri district and restore peace and amity;

I, Shri Satyabrata Sahu, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Home Department do hereby prohibit the use and access of Social Media platforms like Whatsapp, Facebook, X and any other through Internet and other medium of data services for the period from **06:00 PM today (i.e. 08.12.2025) to 06:00 PM tomorrow (i.e. 09.12.2025)** in the **Malkangiri District** mentioned below under the provisions of Section 20 of the TELECOMMUNICATION ACT, 2023 read with the Telecommunications (Temporary Suspension of Services) Rules, 2024.

1. Whatsapp, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and other social media services of all Mobile service providers
2. Mobile Internet/ data services of all Mobile Service Providers.
3. Internet/ data services of all Internet Service Providers (ISPs).
4. Broadband Dial up systems.
5. Any other such means or modes of transmission.

However, telephone/telecom services for the following offices shall be opened for facilitating essential services:

1. Collectorate, Malkangiri
2. Residential Office of Collector, Malkangiri
3. District Police Office, Malkangiri
4. District Headquarter Hospital, Malkangiri
5. Sub-Divisional Hospital, Chittrakonda
6. Sub-Divisional Hospital, Mathili
7. The numbers listed in **Annexure-A**

(Satyabrata Sahu)

Additional Chief Secretary to Government  
**Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt**  
**Home Department**

P.T.O.

Memo No. 50053 /C, dated. **08.12.2025**


Copy forwarded to all Mobile Service Providers/ Internet Service Providers (ISPs) for information and immediate compliance under intimation to this Department.

  
8/12/2025

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Memo No. 50054 /C, dated **08.12.2025**

Copy forwarded to the OSD to Chief Secretary, Odisha/ D.G & I.G. of Police, Odisha, Cuttack/ the Principal Secretary to Govt., E & IT Department/D.G.P. CID-CB, Odisha, Cuttack/ the Director, Intelligence, Odisha, Bhubaneswar/ I.G. of Police, Southern Western Range (SWR), Koraput,/ DDG, Term Cell (DOT), Odisha, Bhubaneswar/ Collector & D. M., Malkangiri/ S.P., Malkangiri for information and necessary action.

  
8/12/2025

Additional Chief Secretary to Government