

Via Electronic Mail

28th September 2020

To,

The Secretary,

Sh. N.L Meena

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Government of Rajasthan

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Dear Sir,

Subject - **Publication of orders suspending internet services in the districts of Udaipur, Banswara, Dungarpur and Pratapgarh since 26.09.2020**

Greetings from SFLC.in,

The Hindustan Times has in its news article dated 26th September 2020 reported that the Internet has been suspended in four districts in the State of Rajasthan , namely - Udaipur, Banswara, Dungarpur and Pratapgarh. The suspension has been effective since 26th September 2020. A copy of the news article is attached with this letter.

Further, SFLC.in has also received multiple submissions on its shutdown tracker at www.ininternetshutdowns.in informing about the said shutdowns in the districts of Udaipur, Banswara, Dungarpur and Pratapgarh.

We have not been able to access the official order regarding the suspension of internet services in the the said districts. As held by the Supreme Court of India in *Anuradha Bhasin V. Union of India*(WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 1031 OF 2019) publication of orders issued by the authorities directing suspension of telecom services is mandatory. The Hon'ble Court has held that “*It must be noted that although the Suspension Rules does not provide for publication or notification of the orders, a settled principle of law, and of natural justice, is that an order, particularly one that affects lives, liberty and property of people, must be made available. Any law which demands compliance of the people requires to be notified directly and reliably*”

Therefore, we request you to publish the order regarding the suspension of telecom services in Udaipur, Banswara, Dungarpur and Pratapgarh Districts or refer us to the official order if already published.

We look forward to receiving your urgent response on this.

Sincerely,

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