

**GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
NAGALAND : KOHIMA**

No. H&FW-27/B-30/nCoV2020(Pt)/1031-38

Dated Kohima, the 1st of April, 2020

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Whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Disease Act 1897, clause no. 13 whereby 'no individual/institution/organization will use any print or electronic media for information regarding COVID-19 without prior permission' from recognized authority.

Whereas, during the current crisis situation of COVID-19 pandemic, it has been observed that the identity of people affected by the disease or suspected to be a positive case are exposed and circulated in social media which could lead to stigmatization, and mental trauma.

Therefore, in reference to the Penalty clause of Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 (Clause 21); anyone who exposes the identity of COVID-19 affected people through sharing of bio-data or photo in various print and electronic media, shall be penalized under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code 1860 (45 of 1860).



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