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Bihar is set use the cyber  
crime law to deter individuals and organisations from making offensive comments against the government, its officials, Ministers, MPs and MLAs.

"It has regularly been coming to light that certain persons and organisations have been making offensive comments through social media against the government, honourable Ministers, MPs, MLAs and government officials, which is against the prescribed law. For this act, it seems appropriate to take action against such organisations and individuals," Nayar Hasnain Khan, IGP Economic Offences Wing, which handles cyber crime, said in a letter written on January 21 to all Principal Secretaries and Secretaries. "You all are requested to inform the Economic Offences Wing about any such act so that suitable legal action can be taken against those organisations/individuals after investigation," it said.

Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav dared Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to send him to jail for "exposing the wrongdoings" of the government on social media.

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As many as 60 scams happened during Nitish Kumar's regime. He is Bhishm Pitamah of corruption, patron of hardened criminals and weak head of an illegal and immoral government," Mr. Yadav tweeted.

RJD leader and party spokesperson Mrityunjay Tiwari said this government had become intolerant to criticism. "It's an arbitrary move and a sign of nervousness, and we'll oppose such a move."

State Congress leader Prem Chandra Mishra said the "order reflects how scared the NDA government is of criticism by the people. It is like a Tughlaqui [dictatorial] farman [order] to suppress questions raised against the government".

Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader Awadhesh Kumar said, "the Nitish Kumar government is using cybercrime rules to hide corruption charges and to gag those who raise questions".