

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services-directions reg;

Reference: Communications dated 26.11.2020 from IGP, Jammu & IGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home-123(TSTS) of 2020

Dated: 26.11.2020

Whereas, with the announcement of elections to the District Development Council constituencies and by-elections to fill the vacancies in the Panchayati Raj Institutions/Urban Local Bodies, intense political activity is being witnessed across the Union territory of the J&K, with extensive campaigning by the contesting candidates. At the same time, there have been continued attempts from across the border to disrupt the elections process by vitiating the security environment; and

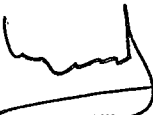
2. Whereas, the law enforcement agencies have well founded apprehensions of enhanced efforts by Pakistan for causing public disaffection, recruitment in the 'terrorists' ranks as well as infiltration attempts, which heavily depend upon high speed internet. There has also been a surge in terrorist activities, specific instances being that at Ban Toll Plaza, Nagrota, Jammu and Parimpora, Srinagar; and

3. Whereas, upon consideration of the available inputs, and taking note of misuse of social media applications in carrying out terror activities as also in adversely impacting public order, it is apparent that there is need for continuation of the speed restrictions on mobile internet services.

4. Now, therefore, I, Principal Secretary to the Government, Home Department, being satisfied that, it is absolutely necessary so to do in the interest of the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the State and for maintaining public order, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and sub-rule (1) of rule 2 of the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017, hereby order that the directions/restrictions contained in Government Order No. 120(TSTS) of 2020 dated 12.11.2020 shall continue to remain in force till 11.12.2020, unless modified earlier.

5. The IsGP, Kashmir/Jammu shall communicate these directions to the service providers forthwith and ensure their implementation in letter and spirit.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.


(Shateen Kabra) IAS,

Principal Secretary to the Government

Dated: 26.11.2020

No: Home/TSTS/2020

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1. Director General of Police, J&K.
2. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.

3. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu for n/a.
4. Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Jammu
5. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, Srinagar.
6. Director Information, Department of Information and Public Relations, J&K for information and with the request to give wide publicity to the same through publication in the leading dailies, one each of Kashmir & Jammu.
7. All Deputy Commissioners/ SSPs.
8. Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums.
9. General Manager, Government Ranbir Press for publication in the extraordinary issue of the Gazette.
10. Pvt. Secretary(ies) to Hon'ble Advisor(s) to the Lieutenant Governor.
11. Pvt. Secretary to the Chief Secretary, J&K.
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1. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
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