

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Home Department
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;

- Reference: i) Order No. 696 (TSTS) of 2020 dated 18.06.2020, issued under endorsement Nos. KZ/CS/PC-Sgr/20/1512-13, by the IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).
ii) Letter No. KZ/CS/snap-down/1487-88 dated 18.06.2020 from IGP, Kashmir Zone.

Government Order No: Home - 70 (TSTS) of 2020
Dated: 19.06.2020

Whereas, the IGP, Kashmir Zone, being the Authorized Officer under the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017, has issued directions to the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs)/Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to suspend mobile cellular services (Voice & SMS) in Police district, Awantipora, w.e.f 18.06.2020 (1320 Hrs) to 19.06.2020 (1115 Hrs) ; and

Whereas, the order under reference *inter-alia* mentions about the encounter between the Security Forces and the terrorists in Meej Pampore village of Police district Awantipora, leading to neutralization of 03 terrorists & recovery of arms & ammunition. It is also mentioned that cellular services (Voice & SMS) were being misused by the anti-national elements & miscreants during the encounter for informing the families of the trapped terrorists having potential of disturbing the law and order situation, during & subsequent to the encounter, warranting issuance of the aforesaid directions, without obtaining approval of the Competent Authority.

Now, therefore, upon consideration of the various aspects, as brought out in the material provided by the Authorized Officer, I, Principal Secretary to the Government, Home Department, being satisfied that there was absolute necessity of issuance of the aforesaid directions by the Authorized Officer, without obtaining prior approval of the Competent Authority, in the interest of sovereignty & integrity of India, the security of the State and for maintaining public order, hereby confirm order No. 696 (TSTS) of 2020 dated 18.06.2020, issued under endorsement No. KZ/CS/PC-Sgr/20/1512-13 dated 18.06.2020, by the Authorized Officer, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-rule (1) of Rule 2 of the Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.


(Shateen Kabra) IAS.

Principal Secretary to the Government

Dated: 19.06.2020

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