

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;
Reference: 1.Order No. 766(TSTS) of 2020 dated 04.07.2020 issued by IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).
2.Letter No. KZ/CS/snap-down/1712-13 dated 04.07.2020 from IGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home -80(TSTS) of 2020

Dated: 05.07.2020

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 2G mobile data services in district Kulgam, w.e.f 04.07.2020 (1420 Hrs) to 05.07.2020 (2010 Hrs.); and

Whereas, the order under reference inter-alia mentions about the encounter between the Security Forces and the terrorists in Arrah area of District Kulgam leading to neutralization of 02 terrorists and recovery of arms and ammunition alongwith other incriminating material. It is also mentioned that there was every likelihood of misuse of data services by the anti-national elements/OGWs to communicate with their sympathizers for mobilizing crowds, and disturb the law and order situation, during and 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 and integrity of India, the security of the State and for maintaining public order, hereby confirm order No. 766(TSTS) of 2020 dated 04.07.2020 issued under endorsement No. KZ/CS/PC-Sgr/20/1705-06 dated 04.07.2020, by the Authorized Officer, in exercise of 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: 05.07.2020

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