

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services-directions reg;

Reference: i. Letter No.KZ/PS/Restoration/1759-60 dated 08.07.2020 from IGP, Kashmir.

ii. Letter No. JZ/CS/Mont/2020/439 dated 07.07.2020 from IGP, Jammu.

Government Order No: Home- 82(TSTS) of 2020

Dated: 08.07.2020

Whereas, restriction on access to internet was imposed in the UT of J&K and eased out gradually, consequent upon periodic assessment of the ground situation and inputs from the field agencies, and at present, position regarding availability of internet services is as follows:

I. Mobile data Services:

- i. The internet is available at 2G speed.
- ii. The post-paid sim card holders have been given access to the internet. However, in respect of pre-paid sim cards, such access is available only after verification as per the norms applicable for post-paid connections.

II. Fixed line Internet connectivity:

Internet connectivity is available with Mac-binding; and

Whereas, the restrictions on access to internet services in the above manner have been put in place to curb misuse of data for uploading/downloading/circulation of provocative content on the social media, prevent/reduce rumor mongering/fake news, counter attempts of recruiting gullible youth into the terrorist ranks, curtail the use of encrypted messaging and VOIP services for infiltration and coordinating terror activities, and defeat the nefarious designs from across the border to propagate terrorism; and

Whereas, the security agencies have been successful in eliminating a large number of terrorists, while ensuring that the public order is maintained primarily because the data services have not been allowed to be misused by the anti-social elements/OGWs to mobilize crowds. Besides, these restrictions have not adversely impacted the efforts of the Government towards COVID control, education and business activities; and

Now, therefore, upon assessment of the reports of the field agencies bringing out in unambiguous terms the necessity for continuation of the restrictions on access to internet services as contained in Government Order No. 66(TSTS) of 2020 dated 17.06.2020, 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 the order ibid shall continue to remain in force till 29th July, 2020, unless modified earlier .

The IsGP, Kashmir/Jammu shall ensure communication of these directions to the service providers forthwith and also ensure implementation of these directions with immediate effect.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.


(Shafiq Kabra) IAS,
Principal Secretary to the Government

No:Home/TSTS/2020

Dated: 08.07.2020

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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) (S), (F) & (B) to the Lieutenant Governor.
11. Pvt. Secretary to the Chief Secretary, J&K.
12. Pvt. Secretary to the Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department.
13. I/c website, Home Department.
14. Government Order file (w2sc).

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1. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
2. Pvt. Secretary to the Special Security Advisor, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.