

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Home Department
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services-directions reg;
Reference: i. Letter No.KZ/PS/Restoration/1886-87 dated 29.07.2020 from IGP, Kashmir.
ii. Letter No. JZ/CS/Mont/2020/461 dated 28.07.2020 from IGP, Jammu.

Government Order No: Home- 89(TSTS) of 2020
Dated: 29.07.2020

Whereas, restrictions on access to internet through mobile data services have been necessitated in the Union Territory of J&K in view of its misuse in planning and executing terror acts including attacks on Security Forces, political workers and innocent civilians, propagation of ideologies inimical to the interests of the country, misguiding the youth to join terrorist ranks, communicating and coordinating with handlers across the border to facilitate infiltration, etc.; and

Whereas, suspension of the mobile data services in specific areas and for a very limited period of time has also been authorized to prevent disruption of efforts of the Security Forces, during and subsequent to the operations, by various activities including circulation of videos, mobilization of crowds, etc, by the OGWs; and

Whereas, there are inputs suggesting rise in the anti-national activities over the coming weeks, more so in view of completion of an year since implementation of the constitutional changes viz-a-viz J&K, Independence day celebrations, etc.

Therefore, taking note of the overall security situation and reports of the law enforcement agencies, while keeping in view the aspects of reasonability of restrictions with regard to the principle of proportionality and consideration of available alternatives, 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 internet access across the UT of J&K shall be made available with the following restrictions:

I. Mobile data Services:

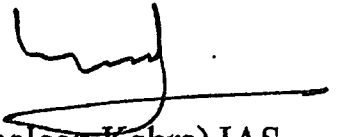
- i. The internet speed shall be restricted to 2G only.
- ii. The post-paid sim card holders shall be provided with access to the internet. However, such access shall not be made available on pre-paid sim cards unless verified as per the norms applicable for post-paid connections.

II. Fixed line Internet connectivity:

Internet connectivity, with Mac-binding, shall be made available.

The aforesaid directions shall remain in force upto 17 August, 2020, unless modified earlier. The IsGP, Kashmir/Jammu shall ensure communication of these directions to the service providers and ensure implementation of these directions forthwith.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.


(Shaleen Kabra) IAS,

Principal Secretary to the Government

Dated: 29.07.2020

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Copy to the:

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.
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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.