Government of Jammu and Kashmir Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services-directions reg;

Reference: Communications dated 08.01.2021 from IGP, Jammu & IGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home-01(TSTS) of 2021 Dated: 08.01.2021

Whereas, certain restrictions have been placed on access to high speed mobile data connectivity to curb uploading/downloading/circulation of provocative videos and defeat the nefarious designs of the forces within and from across the border to create a narrative by running a disinformation campaign; and

- 2. Whereas, the apprehensions of the law enforcement agencies regarding misuse of high speed mobile data services for infiltration and for coordinating terror activities gets credence from investigation of ongoing cases and recent incident of interception of terrorists and recoveries of arms/ammunition, with increased activity on the IB/LoC.
- 3. Now, therefore, on consideration of the overall security scenario and the reports of the law enforcement agencies *inter-alia* bringing out the necessity for continuation of speed related restrictions on mobile data services to prevent misuse of social media as also taking note of the terror activities during the last fortnight, 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. 143(TSTS) of 2020 dated 25.12.2020 shall continue to remain operative till 22nd January, 2021, unless modified earlier.
- 4. The IGsP, 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.

(Shaleen Kabra) IAS

Dated: 08.01.2021

Principal Secretary to the Government

No: Home/TSTS/2020

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1. Director General of Police, J&K.

- 2. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.
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- 4. Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Jammu

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- 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.
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