

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Home Department
Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;
Reference: 1. Order No. 176(TSTS) of 2021 dated 25.01.2021 issued by IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).
2. KZ/CS/snap-down/118-19 dated 25.01.2021 from IGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home -03(TSTS) of 2021
Dated: 27.01.2021

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 entire Kashmir Valley w.e.f midnight to 1800 Hrs. on 26th January, 2021; and

Whereas, the order/letter under reference mentions about the inputs in the run up to the Republic day celebrations relating to terror modules, including their handlers from across the border, attempting to scale up anti national activities in Kashmir Valley and carry out strikes in different areas of Kashmir Zone to disrupt the smooth Republic Day celebration. It also mentions about the every likelihood of misuse of data services by the separatist elements to organize protests, as per the past practice, to disturb the law and order situation.

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. 176(TSTS) of 2021 dated 25.01.2021 issued under endorsement No. KZ/CS/PC-Sgr/21/111-12 dated 25.01.2021, by the Authorized Officer, in exercise of powers conferred under sub-rule (1) of Rule 2 of the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.


(Shaleen Kabra) IAS,

Principal Secretary to the Government.

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Dated: 27.01.2021

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1. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, Srinagar for information.
2. Government Order file (w2sc).
3. I/c website.