

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Home Department
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;
Reference: 1. Order No. 1415(TSTS) of 2020 dated 16.09.2020 issued by IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).
2. KZ/CS/snap-down/2217-18 dated 16.09.2020 from IGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home -102(TSTS) of 2020
Dated: 17.09.2020

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 Police District Sopore, w.e.f 0000 Hrs. on 16.09.2020 to 0440 Hrs. on 19.09.2020; and

Whereas, the order under reference inter-alia mentions about the apprehension regarding misuse of mobile data services by the anti-national elements/OGWs to transmit incriminating materials to their sympathizers for mobilizing crowds and disturbing the law and order situation in the evening of 15.09.2020, in Police District Sopore. It is further mentioned that pictures of terrorists, videos of previous encounters etc. had already started to circulate via whatsapp and other online platforms.

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. 1415(TSTS) of 2020 dated 16.09.2020 under endorsement No. KZ/CS/PC-Sgr/20/2210-11 dated 16.09.2020, issued 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: 17.09.2020

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