

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
**Home Department**  
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar

**Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;**  
Reference: 1. Order No. 2432(TSTS) of 2020 dated 28.10.2020 issued by IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).  
2. KZ/CS/snap-down/2513-14 dt. 28.10.2020 from IGP, Kashmir.

**Government Order No: Home -116 (TSTS) of 2020**  
**Dated: 28.10.2020**

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 District Budgam, w.e.f 0720 Hrs. to 0945 Hrs. on 28.10.2020; and

Whereas, the order under reference inter-alia mentions about the encounter between the Security Forces and the terrorists in Machwa area of District Budgam leading to neutralization of 02 terrorists and recovery of arms & ammunition besides other incriminating material. It is further mentioned that there was every likelihood of misuse of data services by the anti-national elements/OGWs to communicate with their sympathizers for mobilizing crowds, and disturb the law and order situation, as has been the practice in the past.

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. 2432(TSTS) of 2020 dated 28.10.2020, under endorsement No. KZ/CS/PC-Sgr/20/2506-07 dated 28.10.2020, 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.

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Dated: 28.10.2020

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