Government of Jammu and Kashmir Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services—confirmation reg; Reference: 1.Order No. KZ/CS/2020/203-07 dated 12.02.2020 issued by IGP,

Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).

2.KZ/CS/snap-down/208-09 dated 12.02.2020 from IGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home -12(TSTS) of 2020 Dated: 13.02.2020

Whereas, in view of the rumors circulating on Social Media through misuse of VPNs, which have the potential of causing deterioration of public order, the IGP, Kashmir Zone, being the Authorized Officer under the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017, has issued an order on 12.02.2020, giving directions to the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) / Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to suspend the 2G mobile data services across Kashmir Valley on 12th February, 2020, w.e.f 2300 Hrs. till 1200 Hrs on 13.02.2020.

Upon consideration of the various aspects and the report submitted 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, in the interest of the security of the State and for maintaining public order in view of the exigency, hereby confirm Order No. KZ/CS/2020/203-07 dated 12.02.2020, issued by the Authorized Officer, in exercise of the 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.

(Shaleen Kabra) IAS,

Dated: 13.02.2020

Principal Secretary to the Government.

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1. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, Srinagar for information.

2. Government Order file (w2sc).

3. I/c website.

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