Government of Jammu and Kashmir Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services—confirmation reg; Reference: Order No. 2746(TSTS) of 2020 dated 13.11.2020 issued by IGP,

Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).*

Government Order No: Home -121 (TSTS) of 2020 Dated: 14.11.2020

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 Kupwara, w.e.f 1215 Hrs. on 13.11.2020 to 1200 Hrs. on 15.11.2020; and

Whereas, the order under reference inter-alia mentions about the loss of life of security personal and injury to others due to the ceasefire violation by Pakistan Army at different sectors of District Kupwara. It is further mentioned that some miscreants/ANEs were trying to disturb the public order in the district by uploading objectionable material and spreading rumors about civilian killings on the social media.

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. 2746(TSTS) of 2020 dated 13.11.2020, under endorsement No. KZ/CS/PC-Sgr/20/2917-18 dated 13.11.2020, 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.

(Shafeen Kabra) IAS,

Principal Secretary to the Government.

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Dated: 14.11.2020

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