

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**

**Home Department**

Civil Secretariat, Jammu

**Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;**  
Reference: 1. Order No. 4021(TSTS) of 2020 dated 04.12.2020 issued by IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).  
2. Letter No. KZ/CS/snap-down/3117-18 dated 04.12.2020 from IGP, Kashmir.

**Government Order No: Home -130 (TSTS) of 2020**

**Dated: 05.12.2020**

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 continue with the suspension of 2G mobile data services beyond 1800 Hrs. on 04.12.2020 to 2000 Hrs. in District Pulwama & Shopian and also beyond 1700 Hrs in Police District, Awantipora upto 1730 Hrs on the same date; and

Whereas, the order/letter under reference inter-alia mentions brings out misuse of data services by the anti-national elements to disrupt the poll process of the District Development Council (DDC) elections scheduled in Police District, Awantipora, Pulwama & Shopian on 04.12.2020. The letter further mentions about the indiscriminate firing towards a polling site in South Kashmir, resulting in critical injuries to a DDC candidate.

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. 4021(TSTS) of 2020 dated 04.12.2020, under endorsement No. KZ/CS/PC-Sgr/20/3110-11 dated 04.12.2020, 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: 05.12.2020

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