Government of Jammu and Kashmir Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services—confirmation reg; Reference: 1.Order No. 5224(TSTS) of 2021 dated 30.12.2020 issued by IGP,

Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).

2. KZ/CS/snap-down/12-13 dated 05.01.2021 from IGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home -146(TSTS) of 2021 Dated: 31.12.2021

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 Pulwama, w.e.f 1520 Hrs. on 30.12.2020 to 1215 Hrs. on 05.01.2021; and

Whereas, the order/letter under reference inter-alia mentions about the encounter between the Security Forces and the terrorists in Umerabad HMT area of District Srinagar leading to neutralization of 03 terrorists, and the initial report suggested that two of the slain terrorists belonged to district Pulwama. It is further mentioned that the family members of one of the slain terrorist claimed that their ward was innocent and the miscreants taking advantage of this started visualizing the whole scene with intension of its circulation online.

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. 5224(TSTS) of 2020 dated 30.12.2020, under endorsement No. KZ/CS/PC-Sgr/snap/2021 dated 30.12.2020, issued by the Authorized Officer, in exercise of powers conferred under sub-rule (1) of Rule 2 of the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

(Shaleen Kabra) IAS,

Dated: 31.12.2020

Principal Secretary to the Government.

No: Home/ISA/2019/55/Order/Part I Copy to the:

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