Government of Jammu and Kashmir Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services-directions reg;

Government Order No: Home -17(TŞT8) of 2020 Dated: 04.03.2020

Upon regular assessment of impact of the directions for regulation of the telecom services on the overall security situation and maintenance of public order and taking note of the position brought out in the reports of the law enforcement agencies, while keeping in view the aspects of reasonability of restrictions with regard to the principle of proportionality and consideration of available alternatives, I, Principal Secretary to the Government, Home Department, being satisfied that it is necessary so to do, in the interest of the sovereignty and integrity of India, the Security of the State and for maintaining public order, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and sub-rule (1) of Rule 2 of the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017, hereby direct internet access across the UT of J&K with the following restrictions:

I. Mobile data services:

- i. The internet speed shall be restricted to 2G only.
- ii. While the post paid sim card holders shall continue to be provided access to the internet, these services shall **not** be made available on pre-paid sim cards unless verified as per the norms applicable for post-paid connections.

II. Fixed line Internet connectivity:

Internet connectivity shall continue to be made available with Mac-binding.

- 2. It is further directed that the access/communication facilities provided by the Government viz; e-terminals/internet kiosks apart from special arrangements for tourists, students, traders etc, shall continue.
- 3. Further, the IGP, Kashmir/Jammu shall ensure communication of these directions to the service providers forthwith and also ensure implementation of the directions with immediate effect.
- 4. The aforesaid directions shall remain in force upto 17th March, 2020, unless modified earlier.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

(Shaleen Kabra) IAS,

Principal Secretary to the Government.

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- 1. Director General of Police, J&K.
- 2. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.
- 3. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu for n/a.
- 4. Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Jammu
- 5. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, Şrinagar.
- 6. Director Information, Department of Information and Public Relations, J&K for information and with the request to give wide publicity to the same through publication in the leading dailies, one each of Kashmir & Jammu.
- 7. All Deputy Commissioners/ SSPs.
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- 9. General Manager, Government Ranbir Press for publication in the extraordinary issue of the Gazette.
- 10. Pvt. Secretary(ies) to Hon'ble Advisor(s) (S), (F) & (B) to the Lieutenant Governor.
- 11. Pvt. Secretary to the Chief Secretary, J&K.
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