

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Home Department
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;

Reference: i) Order dated 15.03.2020, issued under endorsement No. KZ/CS/2020/401-02 dated 15.03.2020, by the IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).

ii) Letter No. KZ/CS/snap-down/408-09 dated 15.03.2020 from IGP, Kashmir Zone.

Government Order No: Home – 19 (TSTS) of 2020

Dated: 16.03.2020

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 an order on 15.03.2020, directing the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) / Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to suspend 2G data services in district Anantnag and Kulgam, on 15th March, 2020, w.e.f 0700 Hrs to 1700 Hrs(Anantnag) and 0700 Hrs to 1900 Hrs(Kulgam); and

Whereas, order under reference *inter-alia* mentions about the encounter between the Security Forces and the terrorists in the Watrigam area of District Anantnag and the likelihood of misuse of data services by the anti-national elements to disturb the law and order situation in Districts of Anantnag and Kulgam, warranting issuance of the aforesaid directions, without obtaining approval of the Competent Authority.

Now, therefore, taking note of the order *ibid* and 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 & integrity of India, the Security of the State and for maintaining public order, hereby confirm the aforesaid order under endorsement No. KZ/CS/2020/401-02 dated 15.03.2020, 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,

Principal Secretary to the Government.

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Dated: 16.03.2020

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