

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services-directions reg;

Reference: i. Letter No. KZ/PS/Restoration/493-94 dated 03.04.2020 from IGP, Kashmir

ii. Letter No. JZ/CS/Mont/2020/243 dated 03.04.2020 from IGP, Jammu.

Government Order No: Home - 22 (TSTS) of 2020

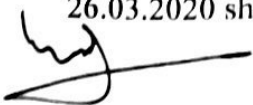
Dated: 03.04.2020

Whereas, reports have been received from the intelligence and law enforcement agencies which, among other things, bring out the factum of the attempts made by the anti-national elements (ANEs) to spread propaganda/ideologies through transmission of fake news and targeted messages aimed at disturbing the public order and cause disaffection and discontent as also coordinate acts of terrorism; and;

2. Whereas, many instances of misuse of data services for incitement, including circulation of fake news, have been noticed which necessitated even use of teargas to disperse people in such precarious times when owing to COVID-19, orders under section 144 Cr.PC have been enforced to regulate assembly/movement and there is enhanced public awareness regarding social distancing measures. There have also been recoveries of major cache of arms/ammunitions on one hand and killings of civilians by the terrorists on the other, apart from attempts to encourage terrorism through uploading of provocative videos/ material as also infiltration from across the border. Further, the recent changes in the domicile law in J&K too has the potential to be exploited by those inimical to public peace and tranquility and cause large scale violence and disturb public order, which has till now been maintained due to various pre-emptive measures, including restriction on access to internet with relaxations in a calibrated and gradual manner, after due consideration of the ground situation; and

3. Whereas, the internet speed restrictions have, while enabling access to essential services and sites, not posed any hindrance to COVID – 19 control measures or to access online educational content, but checked the unfettered misuse of social media for incitement and propagating /coordinating terror activities;

4. Now therefore, in view of the position stated above and upon consideration of the available alternative measures, 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 order that the directions/restrictions contained in Government Order No. 21(TSTS) of 2020 dated 26.03.2020 shall continue.



5. The authorized officers, viz; IGP Jammu and IGP Kashmir, shall ensure communication of these directions to the service providers and implementation thereof.
6. The aforesaid directions shall be effective from 4th April, 2020 and remain in force till 15th April, 2020, unless modified earlier.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.



(Shaleen Kabra) IAS,

Principal Secretary to the Government.

Dated: 03.04.2020

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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.
4. Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Jammu
5. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, Srinagar.
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 DMs/ SSPs.
8. Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums.
9. General Manager, Government Ranbir Press for publication in the extraordinary issue of the Gazette.
10. PSs to Advisors to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.
11. PS to the Chief Secretary, J&K.
12. PS to the Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department.
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2. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.