

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Home Department
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;
Reference: 1. Order No. 1715(TSTS) of 2021 dated 17.05.2021 issued by IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).
2. Letter No. KZ/CS/snap-down/908-09 dated 17.05.2021 from IGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home -23(TSTS) of 2021
Dated: 18.05.2021

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 mobile data services in District Pulwama and PD Awantipora w.e.f 0900 Hrs. to 2050 Hrs. on 17.05.2021; and

Whereas, the order/letter under reference inter-alia mentions about the encounter between the Security Forces and the terrorists in Shah Mohalla Khonmoh area of District Srinagar leading to neutralization of 02 terrorists reportedly belonging to District Pulwama and PD Awantipora and recovery of arms & ammunition, besides other incriminating material. It is further mentioned that there was every likelihood of misuse of data services by the anti-national elements/OGWs to communicate with their sympathizers for mobilizing crowds, and disturb the law and order situation.

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. 1715(TSTS) of 2021 dated 17.05.2021, under endorsement No. KZ/CS/PC-Sgr/snap/21/885-86 dated 17.05.2021, 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,

Principal Secretary to the Government.

Dated: 18.05.2021

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