Government of Jammu and Kashmir Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services- confirmation reg; Reference: 1.Order No. 1246(TSTS) of 2022 dated 09.04.2022 issued by IGP,

Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).

2. Letter No.KZ/CS/snap-down/451-52 dated 10.04.2022 from IGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home -28(TSTS) of 2022 Dated: 10.04.2022

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 Niloora Litter and Nowpora Payeen areas of district Pulwama w.e.f 1530 Hrs. on 09.04.2022 to 1600 Hrs. on 10.04.2022 and 1600 Hrs on 10.04.22 to 2400 Hrs on 16.04.2022; and

Whereas, the order/letter under reference inter-alia mention that during recent times, there have been various incidents of targeted killing of the civilians, which is a clear indication of the nefarious designs of the terrorists to create a sense of insecurity amongst the public. It has been further mentioned that majority of these terrorist attacks have been carried out during the evening hours and the terrorists and the OGWs are making use of various mobile Apps. and VoIP for coordinating such terror activities, which are required to be thwarted by taking preemptive measures to create an environment of safety and security for the general public; and

Whereas, various areas of District Pulwama, have been identified by the law enforcement agencies as vulnerable from the security point of view, necessitating placing of restrictions on access to internet, although for a limited period of time.

Now, therefore, upon consideration of the various aspects, as brought out in the material provided by the Authorized Officer, I, Financial Commissioner (ACS), Home, 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 the order No. 1246(TSTS) of 2022 dated 09.04.2022, under endorsement No. KZ/CS/Snapdown/2022 dated 09.04.2022, 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.

(R.K. Goyal) IAS Financial Commissioner/ Additional Chief Secretary