

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
**Home Department**  
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

**Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;**

Reference: i) Order dated 25.04.2020 under endorsement Nos. KZ/CS/2020/604-05, issued by the IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).  
ii) Letter No. KZ/CS/snap-down/610-11 dated 25.04.2020 from IGP, Kashmir Zone.


**Government Order No: Home - 32 (TSTS) of 2020**  
**Dated: 25.04.2020**

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 directions to the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) / Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to suspend 2G data services in district Kulgam and Police District Awantipora, on 25.04.2020 w.e.f 0445 Hrs to 1800 Hrs; and

Whereas, order under reference *inter-alia* mentions about the attempt by the terrorists to abduct a police personnel from Sherpora area of District Kulgam as also about an encounter between the Security Forces and the terrorists in Goripora area of Police District Awantipora. The report further mentions about the 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 in the area, warranting issuance of the aforesaid directions, without obtaining approval of the Competent Authority.

Now, therefore, taking note of the orders *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/2020/604-05 dated 25.04.2020, 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.

Dated: 25.04.2020

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