## Government of Jammu and Kashmir Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services—confirmation reg; Reference: 1.Order No. 2077 (TSTS) of 2022 dated 25.05.2022 issued by IGP,

Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).

2. Letter No.KZ/CS/snap-down/640-41 dated 25.05.2022 from IGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home -35 (TSTS) of 2022 Dated: 26.05.2022

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 District Srinagar, Ganderbal, Budgam, Anantnag, Kulgam, Shopian, Pulwama and PD Awantipora w.e.f 1700 Hrs. to 2200 Hrs. on 25.05.2022; and

Whereas, the order/letter under reference inter-alia mentions that rumors about death penalty to separatist leader Yasin Malik, (Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front) and circulation of provocative material on social media by some miscreants created panic among the general public, and there was every apprehension of misuse of Mobile data services by Anti-national elements, which could cause deterioration in public order. It is further mentioned that there was every likelihood of misuse of data services by the antinational 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, 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 order No. 2077 (TSTS) of 2022 dated 25.05.2022, under endorsement No. KZ/CS/Snap-down/2022 dated 25.05.2022, 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.

Dated: 26.05.2022

Financial Commissioner (ACS), Home.

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Copy to the:

1. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, Srinagar for information.

2. Government Order file (w2sc).

3. I/c website.