Government of Jammu and Kashmir Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar.

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services—confirmation reg; Reference: 1. Order No. 540 (TSTS) of 2022 dated 10.06.2022 issued by ADGP, Jammu Zone (Authorized Officer).

2. Letter No. JZ/SNAP-Down/541-42 dated 10.06.2022 from ADGP, Jammu Zone.

Government Order No: Home -40(TSTS) of 2022 Dated:11.06.2022

Whereas, the ADGP, Jammu 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 the Districts of Rajouri and Poonch w.e.f 2300 Hrs on 10.06.2022 to 2300 Hrs. on 11.06.2022; and

Whereas, the order/letter under reference, inter-alia, mentions about circulation of certain provocative material on social media by some miscreants which had created panic among the general public and accordingly, there was an apprehension of misuse of Mobile Data (3G/4G) services by anti-national elements /miscreants which could have caused deterioration in Public order.

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. 540 (TSTS) of 2022 dated 10.06.2022, under endorsement No. JZ/CS/Snapdown/2022/543-544 dated 10.06.2022, 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.

Financial Commissioner (ACS), Home.

Dated: 11.06.2022

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Copy to the:

1. ADGP, Jammu Zone, Jammu for information.

2. Government Order file (w2sc).

3. I/c website.