

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Home Department
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;

Reference: i) Order dated 03.05.2020 under endorsement Nos. KZ/CS/2020/772-73, issued by the IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).
ii) Letter No. KZ/CS/snap-down/785-86 dated 04.05.2020 from IGP, Kashmir Zone.

Government Order No: Home - 42 (TSTS) of 2020
Dated: 04.05.2020

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 Police District Handwara, on 03.05.2020, w.e.f 1600 Hrs to 2200 Hrs; and

Whereas, the order under reference *inter-alia* mentions about the encounter between the Security Forces and the terrorists in Chanjmullah area of Police District Handwara in which 05 Security Forces personnel attained martyrdom and 02 terrorists were neutralized. It is also mentioned about the likelihood of misuse of data services by the anti-national elements/OGWs to communicate with their sympathizers for mobilizing crowds, upload provocative material on social media to incite general public 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, 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/2020/772-73 dated 03.05.2020, 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: 04.05.2020

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