

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Srinagar

Subject : Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;

Reference: Letter No. KZ/PS/Restoration/1445 dated 06.09.2021 of IGP, Kashmir Zone.

Government Order No: Home-42(TSTS) of 2021

Dated : 06.09.2021

Whereas, vide Government Order No. Home-41(TSTS) of 2021 dated 03.09.2021, the mobile cellular services (Voice calls/SMS) and internet services (Lease line/Broadband) were restored across the Kashmir Valley. It was inter-alia ordered that the mobile data services shall remain suspended across the Kashmir Valley till 6th September, 2021; and

Whereas, upon assessment of the impact of the ibid directions for regulation of telecom services on the overall security situation and maintenance of public order, it was observed that situation in the entire Kashmir Division remained peaceful despite calls floated by Pakistan regarding Eidgah Chalo on 06.09.2021. However, the reports received from the law enforcement agencies indicate that in wake of death of Syed Ali Shah Geelani, and the fact that the residence of the deceased falls in between district Srinagar & Budgam, there is every apprehension that the miscreants may try to misuse mobile data services in the districts of Srinagar and Budgam and may try to instigate general public against the administration by resorting to rumour mongering, circulation of fake news on social media platforms, as has been done in the past.

Now, therefore, upon consideration of the various aspects, as brought out in the reports of the Law enforcement agencies, while keeping in view the aspects of reasonability of restrictions with regard to the principle of proportionality and consideration of available alternatives, I, Principal Secretary to the Government, Home Department, being satisfied that it is necessary so to do, in the interest of the sovereignty and integrity of India, the Security of the State and for maintaining public order, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and sub-rule (1) of Rule 2 of the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017, hereby direct that the mobile data services shall be restored in all the districts of the Kashmir Division except in the districts of Srinagar and Budgam, where mobile data services shall remain continuously suspended till 1845 Hrs on 07.09.2021.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.



(Shaleen Kabra) IAS,

Principal Secretary to the Government

Dated: 06.09.2021

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The Principal Secretary (Home)
J&K Jammu.

Subject:- Resumption of Mobile Data Services.

Sir,

Vide J&K Government Order No **Home-41(TSTS) of 2021** dated **03.09.2021** the mobile data services were suspended temporarily in entire Kashmir Valley till 06.09.2021 in view of Eid-Gah Chalo call floated by Pakistan.

Worthwhile to mention here that the situation in entire Kashmir division has remained peaceful despite the call floated by Pakistan regarding Eid-Gah Chalo on Monday i.e. 06.09.2021. Tight security arrangements and restriction on mobile data services have been helpful in restraining the miscreants from creating any law and order issue.

Pertinent to mention here that the residence of Syed Ali Shah Geelani falls in between districts Srinagar and Budgam. There is every apprehension that miscreants may try to misuse mobile data services and may try to instigate general public against the administration by resorting to rumour mongering, circulation of fake news on social media platforms, as has been done in the past. Taking preventive measures the mobile data services in these two districts is required to be suspended till reassessment of the situation which is being made at regular intervals/daily bases.

Keeping in view of the above, it is submitted that Mobile data services may kindly be restored in entire Kashmir division on 06.09.2021 at 1900 hours except District Srinagar and Budgam which may be restored on 07.09.2021 at 1845 hours.

Yours faithfully,

[Handwritten Signature]
1/9/2021

Vijay Kumar (IPS)

Inspector General of Police

Kashmir Zone

No: KZ/ PS/Restoration/1445

Dated:- 06.09.2021