Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services—confirmation reg; Reference: 1.Order No. 4617(TSTS) of 2021 dated 20.09.2021 issued by IGP,

Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).

2.Letter No.KZ/CS/snap-down/1529-30 dated 21.09.2021 from IGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home -43(TSTS) of 2021 Dated: 21.09.2021

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 Uri area of District Baramulla w.e.f 1200 Hrs. on 20.09.2021 to 1940 Hrs. on 21.09.2021; and

Whereas, the order/letter under reference inter-alia mentions about infiltration attempts by Pakistani terrorists via different sectors of Uri, Baramulla and launch a cordon and search operation in said area by the security forces to foil the infiltration attempt. It is further mentioned that miscreants/ANEs had been directed by their handlers across the border to exploit the situation in the area, and there was every likelihood of misuse of data services by them to 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, 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 and integrity of India, the security of the State and for maintaining public order, hereby confirm order No. 4617(TSTS) of 2021 dated 20.09.2021, under endorsement No. KZ/CS/Snap-down/2021 dated 20.09.2021, 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.

(Shaleen Kabra) IAS,

Dated: 21.09.2021

Principal Secretary to the Government.

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