Government of Jammu and Kashmir Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar.

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services—confirmation reg;

Reference: 1.Order No. 3110(TSTS) of 2022 dated 07.08.2022 issued by ADGP,

Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).

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2.Letter No.KZ/CS/snap-down/1014-15 dated 07.08.2022 from ADGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home -44(TSTS) of 2022 Dated: 08.08.2022

Whereas, the ADGP, 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 Lal Chowk area of District Srinagar (within 03 Km radius) w.e.f 0700 Hrs. to 1920 Hrs. on 07.08.2022; and

Whereas, the order/letter under reference, inter-alia, mentions that in view of restrictions imposed by the District Administration, Srinagar on the march of Muharram processions, organized by the Shia Community, from different parts of Srinagar city, towards Lal Chowk, on 07.08.2022, there was every apprehension of misuse of mobile data services by anti-social elements to disturb peace among communities in Srinagar, which might cause deterioration in Public order. It has also been mentioned that on social media, the route map was also given suggesting people belonging to various parts of Srinagar to reach the spot via mentioned routes. In view of the apprehension, and to maintain the public order, the mobile data services had to be temporarily suspended in the area

Now, therefore, upon consideration of the various aspects, as brought out in the material provided by the Authorized Officer, I, Financial Commissioner (ACS), 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. 3110(TSTS) of 2022 dated 07.08.2022, under endorsement No. KZ/CS/Snapdown/2022 dated 07.08.2022, 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.

(R.K. Goyal) IAS, Financial Commissioner/

Additional Chief Secretary Dated: 08.08.2022

No: Home/ISA/2019/55/Order/Part II

Copy to the:

1. ADGP, Kashmir Zone, Srinagar for information.

2. Government Order file (w2sc).

3. I/c website.