Government of Jammu and Kashmir Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services - confirmation reg:

Reference: 1. Order No. 4668 (TSTS) of 2022 dated 11.10.2022 issued by ADGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).

2. Letter No.KZ/CS/snap-down/1341-42 dated 11.10.2022 from ADGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home -48 (TSTS) of 2022 Dated: 12.10.2022.

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 Bushpora area of District Srinagar, with 6 Kms of radius, w.e.f 1730 Hrs. to 2330 Hrs. on 11.10.2022; and

Whereas, the order/letter under reference inter-alia mentions that in view of death of Altaf Ahmad Shah, Son-in-Law of Late Syed Ali Shah Geelani, there was likelyhood of mass gathering of people to attend his last rites at his residence in Bushpora area of District Srinagar. It is further mentioned that there was every likelihood of misuse of data services by the anti-national elements/OGWs to communicate with their sympathizers for mobilizing crowds, and 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, 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. 4668 (TSTS) of 2022 dated 11.10.2022, under endorsement No. KZ/CS/Snap-down/2021 dated 11.10.2022, 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. Goval) L

Dated: 12.10.2022

Financial Commissioner (ACS), Home.

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- 1. Additional Director General of Police, Kashmir Zone, Srinagar for information.
- 2. Government Order file (w2sc).
- 3. I/c website.