

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Home Department
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg.;

Reference: i) Order dated 19.05.2020 under endorsement Nos. KZ/CS/2020/941-42, issued by the IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).
ii) Letter No. KZ/CS/snap-down/954-55 dated 20.05.2020 from IGP, Kashmir Zone.

Government Order No: Home - 53 (TSTS) of 2020
Dated: 20.05.2020

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 mobile cellular services (Voice & SMS), except the services provided by BSNL in District Srinagar, on 19.05.2020, w.e.f 0350 Hrs to 2200 Hrs; and

Whereas, the order under reference *inter-alia* mentions about the encounter between the Security Forces and the terrorists in Kanimazar Nawakadal area of District Srinagar, and 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/2020/941-42 dated 19.05.2020, 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: 20.05.2020

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