Government of Jammu and Kashmir Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services—confirmation reg; Reference: I.Order Nos. 5682, 5709 & 5712(TSTS) of 2021 dated 23.11.2021,

5713, 5718 & 5720(TSTS) of 2021 dated 24.11.2021 issued by

IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).

2.Letter No.KZ/CS/snap-down/2239-40 dated 24.11.2021 from IGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home -66(TSTS) of 2021 Dated: 24.11.2021

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) vide orders, as per the details given hereunder to suspend mobile data services in below mentioned areas w.e.f the dates/time as shown against each:

S.No.	Order No. and date	Area/District	District	w.e.f/upto
1.	5682(TSTS) of 2021 dated 23.11.2021	Anchar, Eidgah, Qamarwari, Soura, MR Gung, Nowhatta, Safakadal, Bagyass, Rainawari, Ahmad Nagar and Nowgam	Srinagar	0800 Hrs. to 1100 Hrs on 23.11.2021
		Wanpoh	Kulgam	
		Litter and Pampore	F'alwama	
2.	5709(TSTS) of 2021 dated 23.11.2021	Anchar, Eidgah, Qamarwari, Soura, MR Gung, Nowhatta, Safakadal, Bagyass, Rainawari, Ahmad Nagar and Nowgam	Srinagar	1500 Hrs. on to 2200 Hrs. on 23.11.2021
		Wanpoh	Kulgam	
		Litter and Pampore	Pulwama	
3.	5712(TSTS) of 2021 dated 23.11.2021	Badamwari, Chittipadshai, Saida Kadal and Central Jail Srinagar.	Srinagar	2200 Hrs. on 23.11.2021 to 0800 Hrs on 24.11.2021
		Kehribal, Ranbirpora, Govt. Degree College Mattan	Anantnag	
4.	5713(TSTS) of 2021 dated 24.11.2021	Anchar, Eidgah, Qamarwari, Soura, MR Gung, Nowhatta, Safakadal, Bagyass, Rainawari, Ahmad Nagar and Nowgam	Srinagar	0800 Hrs. to 1100 Hrs on 24.11.2021
		Wanpoh	Kulgam	24.11.2021
		Litter and Pampore	Pulwama	
5.	5718(TSTS) of 2021 dated 24.11.2021	Anchar, Eidgah, Qamarwari, Soura, MR Gung, Nowhatta, Safakadal, Bagyass, Rainawari, Ahmad Nagar and Nowgam	Srinagar	1500 Hrs. on to 2200 Hrs. on 24.11.2021
		Wanpoh	Kulgam	
		Litter and Pampore	Pulwama	

Whereas, the orders/letter under reference inter-alia mention that during recent times, there have been various incidents of targeted killing of the civilians, which is a clear indication of the nefarious designs of the terrorists to create a sense of insecurity amongst the public. It has been further mentioned that majority of these terrorist attacks have been carried out during the evening hours and the terrorists and the OGWs are making use of various mobile Apps. and VoIP for coordinating such terror activities, which are required to be thwarted by taking pre-emptive measures to create an environment of safety and security for the general public; and

Whereas, various areas have been identified by the law enforcement agencies as vulnerable areas from the security point of view, necessitating placing of restrictions on access to internet, although for a limited period of time.

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 the orders under reference, 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: 24.11.2021

Principal Secretary to the Government.

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

Copy to the:

1. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, Srinagar for information.

2. Government Order file (w2sc).

3. I/c website.