Government of Jammu and Kashmir Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Srinagar

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services—confirmation reg; Reference: 1.Order Nos. 805(TSTS) of 2020 dated 08.07.2020 issued by IGP.

Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).

2. KZ/CS/snap-down/1757-58 dated 08.07.2020 from IGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home -84(TSTS) of 2020 Dated: 09.07.2020

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 2G mobile data services in District Anantnag, Police Districts Awantipora and Sopore w.e.f 0815 Hrs to 2115 Hrs. on 08.07.2020; and

Whereas, the order under reference mentions about the death anniversary of slain HM terrorist, Burhan Wani on 8th of July, 2020 and strike call given by the separatists. It is also mentioned that soon after the strike call, the miscreants/anti national elements started uploading objectionable material, and there was every likelihood of disturbance to the law and order situation, 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 and integrity of India, the security of the State and for maintaining public order, hereby confirm order No. 805(TSTS) of 2020 dated 08.07.2020 issued under endorsement No. KZ/CS/PC-Sgr/20/1750-51 dated 08.07.2020, by the Authorized Officer, in exercise of 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: 09.07.2020

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

2. Government Order file (w2sc).