

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Home Department
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;
Reference: 1. Order No. 1079(TSTS) of 2020 dated 15.08.2020 issued by IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).
2. KZ/CS/snap-down/1961-62 dated 15.08.2020 from IGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home -90(TSTS) of 2020
Dated: 15.08.2020

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 entire Kashmir Valley, on 15th August, 2020 w.e.f 0700 Hrs. to 1200 Hrs.; and

Whereas, the order report under reference mentions about the inputs relating to terror modules, including their handlers from across the border, attempting to scale up anti national activities in Kashmir Valley and carry out strikes in different areas of Kashmir Zone, in the run up to Independence day celebrations the attack on a Police party at Nowgam, Srinagar, on 14th August, 2020, being a case in point. It also mentions about the every likelihood of misuse of data services by the separatist elements to organize protests, as per the past practice, to 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, 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. 1079(TSTS) of 2020 dated 15.08.2020 issued under endorsement No. KZ/CS/PC-Sgr/20/1954-55 dated 15.08.2020, 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: 15.08.2020

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