

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services-directions reg;

Reference: communication dated 08.09.2020 from IGP, Jammu and IGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home- 99 (TSTS) of 2020

Dated: 08.09.2020

Whereas, in pursuance of the recommendations made by the Special Committee in its meeting dated 10.08.2020 for considering calibrated easing of restrictions in limited and comparatively less sensitive geographical areas, read with the reports of the law enforcement agencies, vide Government Order No: Home-91(TSTS) of 2020 dated 16.08.2020, the following directions relating to high speed internet services in various districts were issued:

I. Mobile data Services:

- a) The high speed mobile data services in the districts of Ganderbal and Udhampur shall be restored forthwith, on trial basis, while in rest of the districts, the internet speed shall continue to be restricted to 2G only; and
- b) While the post paid sim card holders shall continue to be provided access to the internet, these services shall not be made available on pre-paid cards unless verified as per the norms applicable for post-paid connections.

II. Fixed line Internet connectivity:

Internet connectivity, without any speed related restrictions, shall continue to be made available with Mac-binding.

2. Whereas, the aforesaid directions were reviewed by the Review Committee on 21.08.2020 and 01.09.2020. The Committee, while taking note of the assessment made by the law enforcement agencies that no reports of misuse of high speed internet services in the Districts of Ganderbal and Udhampur had been reported, observed that the situation needed to be monitored closely; and

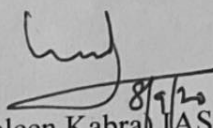
3. Whereas, the law enforcement agencies have furnished credible inputs that the terror modules operating in various parts of the UT of J&K, with active support from across the border as well as separatists/anti-national elements from within, are making sustained efforts to provoke sentiments of the gullible youth and lure them into terrorist organizations to fill the vacuum created by the killing of many terrorists. Also, the agencies have reported infiltration attempts by terrorists, along the LoC and the IB, and apprehension of facilitation of these attempts if high speed mobile data services are restored. They have also indicated potential of misuse of high speed data services in disturbing public order.

4. Now, therefore, considering the reports of the law enforcement agencies, *inter-alia*, bringing out the necessity of speed related restrictions on mobile data

services, and upon assessment of the available alternatives, I, Principal Secretary to the Government, Home Department, being satisfied that, it is absolutely necessary so to do in the interest of the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the State and for maintaining public order, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and sub-rule (1) of rule 2 of the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017, hereby order that the directions indicated at para 1 above shall continue to remain in force till 30th September, 2020, unless modified earlier .

5. The IsGP, Kashmir/Jammu, who are the authorized officers in their respective areas of jurisdiction shall ensure communication of these directions to the service providers forthwith and their implementation in letter and spirit.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.


(Shaleen Kabra) IAS,

Principal Secretary to the Government

Dated: 08.09.2020

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