

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Home Department
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;
Reference: Order No. 5130(TSTS) of 2020 dated 21.12.2020 issued by IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).


Government Order No: Home -141 (TSTS) of 2020
Dated: 22.12.2020

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 districts of South Kashmir viz, Anantnag, Pulwama, Kulgam and PD Awantipora w.e.f midnight on 22.12.2020 to 1000 Hrs. on 23.12.2020; and

Whereas, the order under reference inter-alia mentions that in view of the counting/announcement of results of District Development Council elections in Kashmir Valley, there is every apprehension of misuse of data services by the anti-national elements to disrupt the public order especially in South Kashmir range.

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. 5130(TSTS) of 2020 dated 21.12.2020, under endorsement No. KZ/CS/PC-Sgr/20/3276-77 dated 21.12.2020, issued 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: 22.12.2020

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