

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
**Home Department**  
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

**Subject : Temporary suspension of Telecom Services-directions reg;**  
Reference : Communications dated 22.01.2021 from IGP, Jammu & IGP, Kashmir.

**Government Order No: Home-02(TSTS) of 2021**

**Dated: 22.01.2021**

Whereas, considering that the Union territory of J&K is battling the menace of terrorism, aided and abetted from across the border, and in view of well founded apprehensions about dissemination of inflammatory and seditious propaganda material that has a direct bearing on public order, limited restrictions on high speed internet mobile services have been placed whilst allowing adequate access to internet through broadband services over landline; and

2. Whereas, the reports of the law enforcement agencies indicate that these restrictions have helped thwart the nefarious designs of the radical and terrorist organizations operating in the UT of J&K to misguide, provoke and incite the youth in furthering their anti-India agenda since regulation of high speed mobile internet prevents easy streaming/dissemination/ downloading of such material/videos; and

3. Whereas, threat perception on the security front in J&K continues to be high and there are credible intelligence inputs about the preparedness of terrorists to infiltrate from across the IB/LoC, as is also borne out from recent infiltration attempts, umpteen number of ceasefire violations and seizure of arms/ ammunitions. Reports further suggest that data services that rely on availability of high speed internet are extensively utilized for coordinating and facilitating infiltration.

4. Now, therefore, upon assessment of impact of the directions for regulation of the telecom services on the overall security situation and maintenance of public order, while keeping in view the available alternatives, I, Principal Secretary to the Government, Home Department, being satisfied that it is 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 direct that access to internet shall be made available with the following restrictions:

**I. Mobile data Services:**

- a) The internet speed shall be continued to be restricted to 2G, except in the districts of Ganderbal and Udhampur, where mobile internet connectivity shall be continued to be made available without any speed related restrictions.
- b) The post paid SIM card holders shall be continued to be provided the access to the internet, whereas, these services shall not be provided to

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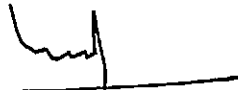
the pre-paid SIM cards holders, unless verified as per the norms applicable for post-paid connections.

## **II. Fixed line Internet connectivity:**

Internet connectivity shall be continued to be made available, with Mac-binding.

5. The aforesaid directions shall be effective from 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2021 and remain in force till 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, unless modified earlier. The IGsP, Kashmir/Jammu shall communicate these directions to the service providers forthwith and ensure their implementation in letter and spirit.

**By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.**

  
(Shateen Kabra) IAS

**Principal Secretary to the Government**

Dated: 22.01.2021

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### **Copy to the:**

1. Director General of Police, J&K.
2. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.
3. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu for n/a.
4. Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Jammu
5. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, Srinagar.
6. Director Information, Department of Information and Public Relations, J&K for information and with the request to give wide publicity to the same through publication in the leading dailies, one each of Kashmir & Jammu.
7. All Deputy Commissioners/ SSPs.
8. Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums.
9. General Manager, Government Ranbir Press for publication in the extraordinary issue of the Gazette.
10. Pvt. Secretary(ies) to Hon'ble Advisor(s) to the Lieutenant Governor.
11. Pvt. Secretary to the Chief Secretary, J&K.
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