

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

**Subject:** Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;  
**Reference:** 1.Order No. 262(TSTS) of 2021 dated 04.02.2021 issued by IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).  
2.Letter No.KZ/CS/snap-down/189-90 dated 05.02.2021 from IGP, Kashmir.

**Government Order No: Home -06(TSTS) of 2021**  
**Dated: 05.02.2021**

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 the Districts of South Kashmir viz., Anantnag, Kulgam, Shopian, Pulwama and P.D Awantipora w.e.f midnight to 2000 Hrs. on 05.02.2021; and

Whereas, the order/letter under reference inter-alia mention that in view of the Kashmir Solidarity Day observed by Pakistan on 05.02.2021, there was every likelihood of misuse of data services by the anti-national/anti-social elements for mobilizing crowds, and disturb the law and order situation. Besides, the circulation of news articles from across the border has potential to instigate public rallies in the Valley, there by disturbing 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. 262(TSTS) of 2021 dated 04.02.2021, under endorsement No. KZ/CS/PC-Sgr/snap/21/182-83 dated 04.02.2021, issued by the Authorized Officer, in exercise of powers conferred under sub-rule (1) of Rule 2 of the Temporary 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.

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Dated: 05.02.2021

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1. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, Srinagar for information.
2. Government Order file (w2sc).
3. I/c website.