

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

Subject : Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;
Reference: 1. Order No. 350(TSTS) of 2021 dated 26.01.2022 issued by IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).
2. Letter No.KZ/CS/snap-down/137-38 dated 26.01.2022 from IGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home -12(TSTS) of 2022

Dated: 27.01.2022

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 mobile data services in North and South Kashmir Range w.e.f 0600 Hrs. to 1315 Hrs. and in Central Kashmir Range w.e.f 0600 Hrs to 1430 Hrs on 26.01.2022; and

Whereas, the order/letter under reference inter-alia mention that there are credible inputs relating to the terror modules including their handlers from across the border attempting to scale up anti-national activities in Kashmir Valley and to disrupt Republic day celebrations, 2022. Immediate necessity for taking appropriate measure including temporary suspension of mobile communication services across the Kashmir Valley. It has been further mentioned that the terrorists in order to carry out their nefarious design of terrorism/anti-national activities are using the internet/social media applications via Whatsapp, Telegrams, Kicks, BBM, IMO, line etc., which are required to be thwarted by taking pre-emptive measures to create an environment of safety and security for the general public; and

Whereas, various areas have been identified by the law enforcement agencies as vulnerable from the security point of view, necessitating placing of restrictions on access to internet, although for a limited period of time.

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 the order No. 350(TSTS) of 2021 dated 26.01.2022, under endorsement No. KZ/CS/Snap-down/2022 dated 26.01.2022, 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.


(Shateen Kabra) IAS,

Principal Secretary to the Government.

Dated: 27.01.2022

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