

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Home Department
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;
Reference: 1. Order No. 4020(TSTS) of 2020 dated 04.12.2020 issued by IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).
2. Letter No. KZ/CS/snap-down/3108-09 dated 04.12.2020 from IGP, Kashmir.


Government Order No: Home -129 (TSTS) of 2020
Dated: 05.12.2020

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 District Shopian, w.e.f 0600 Hrs. to 1800 Hrs. on 04.12.2020; and

Whereas, the order/letter under reference inter-alia mentions about the apprehension of the misuse of data services by the anti-national elements with the aim to disrupt the poll process of the District Development Council (DDC) elections, scheduled in District Shopian on 04.12.2020. It is further mentioned that number of videos had already started circulating on social media, urging the public not to participate in the ongoing election process.

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. 4020(TSTS) of 2020 dated 04.12.2020, under endorsement No. KZ/CS/PC-Sgr/20/3101-02 dated 04.12.2020, 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.


(Shateen Kabra) IAS,

Principal Secretary to the Government.

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Dated: 05.12.2020

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