

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;

Reference: i) Orders under endorsement Nos. KZ/CS/2020/274-78 and KZ/CS/2020/279-83 dated 19.02.2020, issued by the IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).
ii) Letter No. KZ/CS/snap-down/284-85 dated 19.02.2020 from IGP, Kashmir Zone.

Government Order No: Home - 14 (TSTS) of 2020

Dated: 20.02.2020

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 orders directing the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) / Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to suspend 2G data services in district Baramulla and Police District Awantipora, on 19.02.2020 w.e.f 0800 Hrs to 1600 Hrs (Baramulla) and 1400 Hrs to 1800 Hrs (Awantipora); and

Whereas, order under reference *inter-alia* mentions about the encounter between the Security Forces and the terrorists in the Diver area of Tral (Awantipora) district Pulwama and the likelihood of misuse of data services by the anti-national elements to disturb the law and order situation in the districts to which the militants belonged to, warranting issuance of the aforesaid directions, without obtaining approval of the Competent Authority.

Now, therefore, taking note of the orders *ibid* and 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 & integrity of India, the security of the State and for maintaining public order, hereby confirm the aforesaid orders under endorsement Nos. KZ/CS/2020/274-78 and KZ/CS/2020/279-83 dated 19.02.2020, issued by the Authorized Officer, in exercise of the 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.

No: Home/ISA/2019/55/Order/Part I

Dated: 20.02.2020

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