

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**

**Home Department**

Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

**Subject : Temporary suspension of Telecom Services— confirmation reg;**

Reference: 1.Order No. 578(TSTS) of 2021 dated 17.02.2022 issued by IGP, Kashmir Zone (Authorized Officer).

2.Letter No.KZ/CS/snap-down/253-54 dated 17.02.2022 from IGP, Kashmir.

**Government Order No: Home -21(TSTS) of 2022**

**Dated: 18.02.2022**

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 Anchar, Eidhah, Qamarwari, Soura, MR Gunj, Nowhattta, Safakadal, Bagyas, Rainawari, Ahmad Nagar and Nowgam areas of district Srinagar w.e.f 1500 Hrs. to 2100 Hrs. on 17.02.2022 to 19.02.2022; and

Whereas, the order/letter under reference inter-alia mention that during recent times, there have been various incidents of targeted killing of the civilians, which is a clear indication of the nefarious designs of the terrorists to create a sense of insecurity amongst the public. It has been further mentioned that majority of these terrorist attacks have been carried out during the evening hours and the terrorists and the OGWs are making use of various mobile Apps. and VoIP for coordinating such terror activities, 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. 578(TSTS) of 2021 dated 17.02.2022, under endorsement No. KZ/CS/Snap-down/2022 dated 17.02.2022, 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.**

  
**(Shaleen Kabra) IAS,**

Principal Secretary to the Government.

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Dated: 18.02.2022

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