

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Home Department
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar

Subject: Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;

Reference: Letter of IGP, Kashmir Zone.

Government Order No: Home–40(TSTS) of 2021

Dated: 02.09.2021

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 following directions to the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs)/Internet Service Providers (ISPs) for various services across the Kashmir Valley:

S. No	Direction issued vide	Direction	w.e.f./upto
1.	Order No. 3911(TSTS) of 2021 dated 01.09.2021	Suspension of mobile data Services.	2235 Hrs. on 01.09.2021
2.	Order No. 3921(TSTS) of 2021 dated 02.09.2021	Suspension of Internet Services	0037 Hrs. on 02.09.2021
3.	Order No. 3923(TSTS) of 2021 dated 02.09.2021	Suspension of Mobile cellular Services (Voice calls/SMS)	0135 Hrs. on 02.09.2021

Whereas, the aforesaid orders *inter-alia* mention about the provocative material on social media by the Pakistan supported handlers-from across the border as well as within, inimical to the peace and tranquility, exhorting for street protests, gathering / participating in large numbers, rushing to burial site for attending last rites, etc., attempting to create misgivings against the administration, misguiding the general public, and with the objective of mobilizing people to disturb Law & Order, warranting issuance of the aforesaid directions, without obtaining approval of the Competent Authority. The reports of the Law Enforcement Agencies further mention that if the internet/ mobile data/ cellular services are not regulated, its unhindered use has huge potential of 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 an absolute necessity of issuance of the aforesaid directions by the Authorized Officer, without obtaining prior approval of the Competent Authority, in the interest of maintaining public order, hereby confirm the



aforesaid directions, 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. The restrictions shall be operative up to 4th September, 2021, 1700 Hrs, unless modified earlier.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.



(Shaleen Kabra) IAS,

Principal Secretary to the Government

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