

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Home Department
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject : Temporary suspension of Telecom Services-directions reg;
Reference: Communications dated 11.12.2020 from IGP, Jammu & IGP, Kashmir.

Government Order No: Home-134(TSTS) of 2020
Dated: 11.12.2020

Whereas, the following restrictions on access to internet are in force, across the UT of J&K, till today, the 11th December, 2020:

I. Mobile data Services:

- a) The internet speed is restricted to 2G only, except in the districts of Ganderbal and Udhampur, where there are no speed related restrictions on use of internet.
- b) While the post paid sim card holders can access the internet, the availability of these services is restricted on pre-paid sim cards, unless verified as per the norms applicable for post-paid connections.

II. Fixed line Internet connectivity:

Internet connectivity without any speed related restrictions is available, with Mac-binding.

2. Whereas, during this period, the mobile internet services had to be suspended, although for limited periods of time and in specific areas, due to likelihood of misuse of the data services by the anti national elements to disrupt the democratic process by creating a scare among the voters, carrying out attacks on security forces, targeting of contesting candidates and the workers. In view of the credible inputs and as a matter of abundant caution, the access to internet had to be restricted on the day of poll in the areas going for polling; and

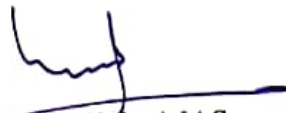
3. Whereas, there have been continuous attempts to radicalize the youth through multiple method, most importantly through videos using social media, which rely on high speed internet for easy dissemination of such material.

4. Now, therefore, on consideration of the overall security situation prevailing in the UT of J&K and the necessity of continuing with the speed related restrictions on mobile data services to prevent its misuse and upon assessment of the available alternatives, I, Principal Secretary to the Government, Home Department, being satisfied that, it is absolutely necessary so to do in the interest of the sovereignty and

integrity of India, the security of the State and for maintaining public order, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and sub-rule (1) of rule 2 of the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017, hereby order that the directions as at para 1 above shall continue and remain in force till 25th December, 2020.

5. The IsGP, Kashmir/Jammu shall communicate these directions to the service providers forthwith and ensure their implementation in letter and spirit.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.


(Shaleen Kabra) IAS,

Principal Secretary to the Government

Dated: 11.12.2020

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1. Director General of Police, J&K.
2. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.
3. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu for n/a.
4. Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Jammu
5. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, Srinagar.
6. Director Information, Department of Information and Public Relations, J&K for information and with the request to give wide publicity to the same through publication in the leading dailies, one each of Kashmir & Jammu.
7. All Deputy Commissioners/ SSPs.
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9. General Manager, Government Ranbir Press for publication in the extraordinary issue of the Gazette.
10. Pvt. Secretary(ies) to Hon'ble Advisor(s) to the Lieutenant Governor.
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2. Pvt. Secretary to the Special Security Advisor, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.