

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Home Department

Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

Subject : Temporary suspension of Telecom Services– confirmation reg;

- Reference: i) Order No. 137(TSTS) of 2025 dated 13.01.2025 issued by IGP , Kashmir Zone, Srinagar (Authorized Officer).
ii) Letter No. KZ/CS/Snap-down/22-23 dated 13.01.2025 of IGP, Kashmir Zone, Srinagar.

Government Order No: Home – 01(TSTS) of 2025

Dated: 14.01.2025

Whereas, the IGP, Kashmir Zone, Srinagar being the Authorized Officer under sub rule (1) of Rule 3 of Temporary Suspension of Telecommunication Service Rules, 2024, has issued directions to the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs)/Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to suspend mobile data (3G/4G/5G) services and allow only 2G services (not more than 128Kbps) in Gund & Kangan areas (latitude 34.22263 and longitude 75.01041) with 20 Kilometers of radius of District Ganderbal w.e.f 0600 hours to 1630 hours on 13.01.2025.

Whereas, the order/letter under reference, inter-alia, mentions about possibility of misuse of Mobile Data (3G/4G/5G) services by the anti-national elements/miscreants, which may cause deterioration in public order and accordingly only 2G services (not more than 128Kbps) were allowed. It has been mentioned that there have been numerous occasions on which anti-national elements/miscreants have used high speed data to spread misinformation and inciting material, with the aim of creating disruption in public order.

Now, therefore, upon consideration of the various aspects, as brought out in the material provided by the Authorized Officer, I, Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department, being satisfied that there was absolute necessity for 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/UT and for maintaining public order, hereby confirm Order No. 137(TSTS) of 2025 dated 13.01.2025, under endorsement No. KZ/CS/Snap-down/2025 dated 13.01.2025 issued by the Authorized Officer, in exercise of powers conferred under sub-Rule (1) of Rule 3 of the Temporary Suspension of Telecommunication Service Rules, 2024 read with clause(b) of sub section (2) of section 20 of the Telecommunication Act, 2023.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

(Chandraker Bharti) IAS

Principal Secretary to the Government

Home Department

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Dated: 14.01.2025

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1. Chief Secretary.
2. Administrative Secretary, Finance Department .
3. Secretary to Government, Department of Law and Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.

For further necessary action in terms of sub-Rule (3) of Rule 3 of the Temporary Suspension of Telecommunication Service Rules, 2024 and Government Order No. Home-02(TSTS) of 2020 dated 14.01.2020.