

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
**Home Department**  
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

**Subject : Temporary suspension of Telecom Services - directions reg;**  
Reference : Communications dated 25.12.2020 from IGP, Jammu & IGP, Kashmir.

**Government Order No: Home-143 (TSTS) of 2020**  
**Dated: 25.12.2020**

Whereas, the successful conduct of the recently concluded Panchayat elections which witnessed participation by political parties across the spectrum and large scale voter turnout, has not gone down well with the elements inimical to public peace and tranquility, as apparent from the multiple incidents of hurling of grenades by the terrorists since the conclusion of the election process, targeting the civilians/police personnel/security forces and the encounter with the security forces; and

2. Whereas, credible inputs have been received about the presence of a large number of terrorists who are trying to infiltrate from across the border, as also evident from multiple instances of heavy firing/shelling on the IB/ LoC to facilitate the same. The restrictions on high speed mobile internet connectivity have acted as an impediment to such attempts; and

3. Whereas, there have been incessant efforts by the ANEs to lure gullible youth to join terrorists' ranks and the field agencies have underlined the need to continue with suitable restrictions on high speed mobile internet connectivity to curb the unfettered use of social media in uploading/downloading/circulating provocative videos, rumour mongering, fake news, etc.

4. Now, therefore, upon assessment of the impact of the restrictions on access to mobile internet, with due deference to the principle of proportionality and due consideration of 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 access to the internet shall be made available in the UT of J&K, with the following restrictions:

**I. Mobile data Services:**

- a) The internet speed shall be continued to be restricted to 2G, except in the districts of Ganderbal and Udhampur, where mobile internet connectivity shall be continued to be made available without any speed related restrictions.



- b) The post paid SIM card holders shall be continued to be provided the access to the internet, whereas, the availability of these services shall not be provided to the pre-paid SIM cards holders, unless verified as per the norms applicable for post-paid connections.

**II. Fixed line Internet connectivity:**

Internet connectivity shall be continued to be made available, with Mac-binding.

5. The aforesaid directions shall be effective from 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 and remain in force till 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, unless modified earlier. The IGsP, 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: 25.12.2020

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**Copy to the:**

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.
8. Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums.
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.
11. Pvt. Secretary to the Chief Secretary, J&K.
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**Copy also to the:**

1. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
2. Pvt. Secretary to the Special Security Advisor, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.