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Subject:- **Immediate suspension of Virtual Private Networks Services (VPNs) in District Poonch- Imposition of restriction under section 144 Cr.PC.**

ORDER

Whereas, a communication has been received from the office of Senior Superintendent of Police, Poonch vide No. CS/Misc/2024/2201 dated 24-04-2024 regarding unprecedented high usage of virtual private Networks (VPNs) during past few days in different part of this district by score of suspicious internet users; and

Whereas, VPN transmits get encrypted and creates point to point tunnel, masks IP address and lets sidestep website blocks and firewall on internet thus making data related to forthcoming Lok Sabha Elections & other sensitive data vulnerable to cyber attacks; and

Whereas, as it has become imperative to take immediate preventive measures to protect/save all data/information related to ensuring Lok Sabha Elections and other sensitive vulnerable data from cyber attacks.

Therefore, in view of above and I, Tahir Mustafa Malik, JKAS Additional District Magistrate Poonch in exercise of powers vested in me, under section 144 Cr.PC, do hereby order to suspend all kinds of virtual Private Networks (VPNs) in the mobile phones in district Poonch till culmination of election process in this district.


(Tahir Mustafa Malik) JKAS
Addl. Dist. Magistrate
Poonch
(J&K)

Copy to: -

1. Divisional Commissioner Jammu, for kind information.
2. Deputy Inspector General of Police, Rajouri Poonch for kind information.
3. Senior Superintendent of Police, Poonch for information and n/a please.
4. Additional District Magistrate Poonch for information and n/a please.
5. Sub Divisional Magistrate, Surankote/Mendhar for information and n/a please.
6. DIO, Poonch for information and direction to upload the order an official site of District.
7. Tehsildar (all) for information and n/a.
8. District information officer, Poonch with the direction to publish the same in leading daily Newspaper including local dailics and also publicize the same through electronic media for information of all concerned.

