

**RAJYA SABHA SECRETARIAT
(G.A. Section)**

**Parliament House Annexe
New Delhi.**

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C I R C U L A R

**Subject:- Provision of Telephone facilities and reimbursements to officers of
Rajya Sabha Secretariat.**

The Office Memorandum no. F.No.24(3)/E. Coord./2018 dated 26th March, 2018 issued by Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India regarding Provision of Telephone facilities and reimbursements to officers of Govt. of India stands adopted in this Secretariat with following modifications:-

- (i) Additional Directors and equivalent level officers of the Secretariat will be entitled for Rs.2250/- per month + taxes as upper ceiling for reimbursement of telephone/mobile expenses (Para 4.1 of O.M.);
- (ii) All category of Officers entitled for cellular facilities will be allowed for reimbursement of two mobile connections/numbers within the prescribed ceiling to (Para 4.3 of O.M.); and
- (iii) Upper ceiling of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only) for reimbursement for one mobile handset to Secretary stands removed (Para 3.1 of O.M.).

**Sd/-
(ANURAG RANJAN)
UNDER SECRETARY**

To,
All Officers/Sections, P.Ss and
Pay & Accounts Office, Rajya Sabha

F.No. 24(3)/E.Coord/2018
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure

New Delhi, the 26th March 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : - Provision of telephone facilities and reimbursements to officers of Government of India.

The Department of Expenditure has from time to time issued instructions on provision of telephone facilities, monetary ceilings on reimbursement to the officers of the Government of India. Given the increasing dependence on telecommunication technology including mobile telephones for carrying out official work, the existing instructions have been comprehensively reviewed, revised and the following instructions are hereby circulated for compliance by all Ministry/Departments, in supersession of all earlier instructions issued by this Department on the subject.

1. Official Telephones

- 1.1 All officers of the level of Deputy Secretary equivalent and above are entitled for office telephone with STD facility. For officers of the level below Deputy Secretary, Ministry/Departments may decide in consultation with the Financial Advisers on providing STD facility depending on their functional requirements.
- 1.2 ISD facility is allowed on official telephones in respect of Administrative Secretaries only.
- 1.3 All other cases for providing ISD facility on official telephone for officers of the level below Secretary to the Government of India may be decided by the Administrative Secretary in consultation with the concerned Financial Adviser.
- 1.4 Administrative Secretary/ Head of Departments may in consultation with the concerned Financial Adviser provide officers below the level of Deputy Secretary official telephones with STD facility on functional basis. This facility should not be given in a routine manner but extreme caution and austerity should be exercised.
- 1.5 Financial Advisors shall submit a half-yearly report to D/o Expenditure on the number of ISD facility concurred/approved during a financial year.

2. Residential telephones

- 2.1 All officers of the level of Deputy Secretary equivalent and above are entitled for one official residential landline telephone with STD facility.
- 2.2 Residential telephone can be allowed to officials below the rank of Deputy Secretary equivalent on functional basis subject to the condition that this facility shall be restricted to 25% of the sanctioned strength of Group 'A' officers in a Ministry/Department. This limit will equally apply to Attached and Subordinate offices.



2.3 ISD facility shall not be allowed on residential telephones.

2.4 Personal staff of Ministers [Private Secretary, Additional Private Secretary and 1st PA of Ministry] and Administrative Secretary [Principal Staff Officer (PSO)/ Senior Principal Private Secretary/ Principal Private Secretary/Private Secretary], Section Officer (Parliament) and Assistant Section Officer (Parliament) are entitled to the facility of one residential landline telephone.

3. Mobile Phone Handsets

3.1 Officers of the level of Secretary and equivalent will be entitled to reimbursement for one mobile handset costing not more than Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five thousand only) once during the whole tenure. Global roaming facility shall not be allowed on the mobile connection.

4. Reimbursement of telephone call charges

4.1 Reimbursement of telephone call charges of residential telephone/ mobile phone/broadband/mobile data/data card shall be as per entitlement given below:

Sl. No.	Level/Designation	Limit on reimbursement
1.	Secretary to the Government of India and equivalent level	Rs. 4200/- per month + taxes as applicable
2.	Additional Secretary to the Government of India and equivalent level	Rs. 3000/- per month + taxes as applicable
3.	Joint Secretary to the Government of India and equivalent level	Rs. 2700/- per month + taxes as applicable
4.	Director/Deputy Secretary to the Government of India and equivalent level	Rs. 2250/- per month + taxes as applicable
5.	Below the rank of Deputy Secretary and equivalent to the Government of India (restricted to 25% of the sanctioned strength of Group 'A' officers in a Ministry/ Department/Attached/Subordinate office)	Rs. 1200/- per month + taxes as applicable

4.2 No SIM/data-card will be provided by office.

4.3 There will be no separate ceiling for the landline/ mobile/broadband/mobile data/data card. The amount reimbursable will cover landline and / or mobile /broadband/mobile data/data card connection and shall be limited to the ceiling prescribed or as per actuals whichever is lower. Call charges over and above the ceiling prescribed along with taxes thereon shall be paid by the officers

4.4 The amount shall be reimbursed on submission of bills/receipt by the concerned officer. Officers are at liberty to choose the service provider and the tariff package for residential landline/mobile phones.

4.5 In case where husband and wife are sharing the same residential landline telephone and both are entitled for reimbursement, only one of them will be allowed reimbursement against the residential landline telephone. The claim for mobile phone charges shall be treated separately for each of the officer subject to the entitled ceiling.

4.6 Reimbursement for mobile will be restricted to the officer in whose name the mobile connection is registered.

