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Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure

New Delhi, the 6th August, 2003.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Facility of Cellular phone for use of Members of the Union Council of Ministers.

The undersigned is directed to invite attention to this Ministry's O.M. No.5(3)/E.Coord./2002 dated 1.1.2003, providing for the facility of cellular phone to Secretary level officers subject to the stipulations laid down therein.

2. In terms of the notification no. G.S.R. 806(E) dated 25.10.2001, issued by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, the facility of cellular phone has become admissible to the Members of Parliament with the condition that calls from such cellular phones shall be adjusted from the total of annual 1 lakh free calls admissible to an M.P. in terms of the Housing and Telephone Facilities (Members of Parliament) Rules, 1956, as amended from time to time. Accordingly, the question of grant of the facility of cellular phone to the Members of the Union Council of Ministers has been considered in this Ministry and it has been decided that a cellular phone may be provided to a Member of the Union Council of Ministers, subject to the following conditions:-

- i) Monthly Ceiling on call charges and rentals – Rs.2500/- per month or the actual expenditure, whichever is less.
- ii) Both the national roaming and international roaming facility would be allowed, subject to the condition that the expenditure is met within the prescribed monetary ceiling.

3. All other conditions, as prescribed in para 2 of this Ministry's O.M. No. 5(3)/E.Coord./2002 dated 1.1.2003, relating to the facility of cellular phone to the Secretary level officers shall also apply. Para 2 (iii) of O.M. dated 1/1/2003 also stands modified to incorporate the provisions in para 2 (ii) above.

4. All cases of Ministers where cellular phones have already been given, shall henceforth be governed in accordance with these orders.
5. The ban on use of cellular phones, as contained in this Ministry's aforesaid O.M. dated 26.9.1995, shall continue to be applicable in all cases other than those covered under these orders and the cases covered under this Ministry's O.M. dated 1.1.2003.
6. These orders shall take effect from the date of issue of this O.M.



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