

F.No.5(3)/E.Coord./2002
Government of India
Ministry of Finance & Company Affairs
Department of Expenditure

New Delhi, the 1st January, 2003.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Grant of facility of cellular phone to Secretary level officer of the Central Government.

The undersigned is directed to invite attention to this Ministry's O.M. No.7(6)/E.Coord./1995 dated 26.9.1995, as per which a ban has been imposed on purchase/use of cellular phones for official use in the Central Government and to say that the question of grant of the facility of cellular phone to Secretaries and Secretary level officers of the Government of India has been engaging the attention of the Government for quite sometime.

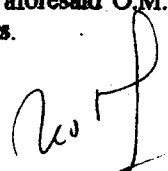
2. The matter has been considered and in partial modification of the aforesaid O.M. dated 26.9.1995, it has been decided to allow the facility of cellular phones to the Secretaries and Secretary level officers of the Government of India, subject to the following conditions :-

- i) A monthly ceiling of Rs.1500/- (inclusive of rental and call charges) shall apply. The monthly cost shall, therefore, be limited to the actual expenditure or the ceiling of Rs.1500/-, whichever is less,
- ii) In cases where these officers are using their personal cellular phones, they may be allowed reimbursement of Rs.1500/- per month or the actual cost, whichever is less.
- iii) Only the national roaming facility will be admissible. Global roaming facility shall not be allowed.
- iv) The cost of hand-set for cellular phone would be limited to Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) in each case.
- v) The expenditure on these cellular phones will be met from out of the budget for "Office Expenses" of the concerned Ministry/Department and no additional funds shall be provided for the expenditure head "Telephones"

3. These orders shall take effect from the date of their issue and all cases, where cellular phones have already been provided to Secretaries and Secretary level officers, shall also henceforth be regulated in accordance with these orders.

4. The ban on purchase/use of cellular phones as contained in this Ministry's aforesaid O.M. dated 26.9.1995 shall continue to apply in all cases other than those covered under these orders.

5. The Hindi Version of these orders is attached.


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