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Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure

New Delhi dated the 11th May, 2012

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Internet facility through data card-reg.

References are being received from various Ministries/Departments seeking clarification/relaxation for internet facility through Data Card. The matter has been reviewed and it has been decided to allow use of data card for internet purposes subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) No Data-Card (Hardware etc) would be provided by the office and only reimbursement for data use, through data card, will be allowed on submission of bill.
- (ii) The User has the liberty to choose any operator/plan beneficial to them.
- (iii) Re-imbursement would be allowed for one data card connection only.
- (iv) There would be no separate ceiling for the internet through data card and the reimbursement will be allowed to the entitled officer according to the ceiling/guidelines/clarification laid down vide this Department's OMs No. 7(14)/C&V/2006 dated November 14th, 2006, dated April 14th, 2007 and dated July 9th, 2007. As such, the maximum monthly reimbursable amount, towards charges on residential telephone/mobile phone/broadband/data card use (for internet purposes), to a category of a officer will be as under:-

Rank/Designation	Ceiling Amount (in ₹)
Secretary to the Government of India and equivalent rank	2800
Additional Secretary to the Government of India and equivalent rank	2500
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India and equivalent rank	2000
Director and Deputy Secretary to the Government of India and equivalent rank	1500
Below the rank of Deputy Secretary to the Government of India (restricted to 25% of Group 'A' Officers below the rank of Deputy Secretary)	800

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