

Dated the 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2004.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

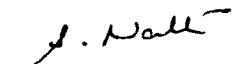
**Subject:** Facility of Mobile Phones in respect of entitled categories of Government employees.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's O.M. of even number dated 14.1.2004, on the subject mentioned above and to state that clarifications have been sought by various Ministries/Departments about certain issues in regard to use of personal handset, roaming/STD facility on mobile phone and the scheme of MTNL/BSNL to be adopted etc.

2. The clarifications/doubts raised by various quarters have been duly examined and following clarifications are issued in regard to use of mobile phone by the entitled categories of Government employees:-

- (i) Provisions of this O.M. and the O.M. of even number dated 14.1.2004 shall apply only to the officers holding posts of Joint Secretary and Additional Secretary to Government of India. Secretaries to Government of India would continue to be covered by provisions of O.M. No.5(3)/E.Coord./2002 dated 1.1.2003.
- (ii) The limit of Rs.500/- per month on account of call charges would be reimbursed in cases where the officers concerned are using their own handsets.
- (iii) Roaming/STD facility will also be allowed subject to the condition that monthly ceiling of Rs.500/- is not exceeded.
- (iv) Eligible officers may, at their discretion, also opt for GSM Cellular mobile network services offered by MTNL/BSNL. In this case, however, no handset will be provided and the officers concerned will need to use their personal handsets.
- (v) Concerned Ministries/Departments may adopt any of the schemes on offer from MTNL/BSNL subject to the condition that the rent payable for the scheme does not exceed Rs.300 plus service tax per month.

3. All Ministries/Departments may strictly regulate this facility in conformity with this Ministry's O.M. of even number dated 14.1.2004 read with the aforesaid clarifications. It is reiterated that no additional funds shall be provided for this facility and concerned ministries/departments/organizations will have to meet all the expenditure on this account within the existing budget for 'Office Expenses - Telephones'.

  
( Sushama Nath )

**Joint Secretary to the Government of India**

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All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India