

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No.2006/Tele/TN/1

New Delhi,
Dated:27.7.07

General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

The Directors,
Centralised Training Institutes.

General Managers,
All Production Units.

Chief Administrative Officer,
Diesel Compo.Works/Patiala.

Director General,
RDSO/Lucknow.

Chief Administrative Officer,
COFMOW, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi.

Sub: Enlarging the scope of CUG phone system.

**Ref. (i) Board's letter No.2001/Tele/TN/3 dated 18.3.02 & 28.10.03.
(ii) Board's letter No. 2004/Tele/TN/3 dated 7.6.06 (SN.27).**

1. A proposal to enlarge the scope of CUG phone system by extending the facility to the officers of all Production Units, Centralised Training Institutes, RDSO, COFMOW & DCW and also to identify & pin-point more areas for achieving expenditure neutrality was under consideration of the Board for sometime. After taking into consideration various views, it has been decided that all Group 'A' & 'B' officers of all Production Units, Centralised Training Institutes, RDSO, COFMOW and DCW can now be provided CUG phones by observing the principle of expenditure neutrality.
2. Vide Item 4(c) of letter No. 2004/Tele/TN/3 dated 7.6.06, Railways were advised of the various measures to achieve expenditure neutrality for providing CUG phones. Following additional measures can also be considered by the Zonal Railways, Production Units, RDSO, COFMOW, DCW & Centralised Training Institutes for achieving expenditure neutrality.
 - (a) Permissible call limit as advised vide Board's letter under reference(i) has already been pruned down to Rs.1000/- for HAG, Rs.800/- for SAG, Rs.500/- for JAG and Rs.400/- for Sr.Scale and Jr. Scale when the scope of CUG scheme was enlarged. The reduction in expenditure on this account can be counted for achieving expenditure neutrality and providing CUG phones.

- (b) Telephone Handsets in the enlarged CUG scheme will not be provided to any of the CUG users except GMs, AGMs/PHODs/DRMs. This will result in saving upto Rs. 10000/- per CUG user every time the handset is replaced on age-cum-condition basis.
- (c) RailTel has been asked to fix a national CUG system for Indian Railways. Once national CUG is provided, the average usage charges will come down drastically. The reduction in expenditure on this account can be considered for expenditure neutrality which in turn can be utilized for provision of more CUG phones to various categories of officers and supervisors.
- (d) Railway Board has issued directions for provision of BSNL/MTNL broadband connections to all officers above JA Grade upto a limit of Rs.5000/- per annum. Now, Indian Railways have taken up the work of providing broad band on Railway medium. Once the broadband connectivity on Railway's own medium is provided, the savings made on this account can be considered for expenditure neutrality for provision of CUG phones.
- (e) By achieving saving in utilisation of D&G charges provided in sanctioned estimates i.e. meeting the additional expenditure for providing CUG phones within the overall limits of D&G charges provided in sanctioned estimates.
- (f) During last one year call and roaming charges have been brought down considerably. Roaming charges are likely to come down further. This reduction in expenditure can be utilized to provide CUG phones to more and more officials by accounting this reduction in expenditure towards expenditure neutrality.


In addition, expenditure neutrality can also be achieved by the following:-

- (a) By reducing the limit on fixed landline residential telephone calls (Local & STD) by 50% of the prescribed limit, in respect of staff and officers below HAG who are provided with Railway phone at their residences alongwith CUG phones.
- (b) The practice of obtaining counter signature/verification on fixed line **residential** telephone bills beyond the prescribed limits for various levels of officers/staff should be restricted to a maximum of 25% of the sanctioned amount with due diligence and there should not be any further relaxation in this regard.
- (c) By making efforts to get bulk discount and other concession such as one extra line free with one connection in respect of fixed residential land line from MTNL/BSNL.

3. Railways may adopt above mentioned means in part or full to achieve expenditure neutrality to the extent they feel appropriate to provide CUG phones to their staff and officers.

This issues with concurrence of the Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

Please acknowledge receipt.


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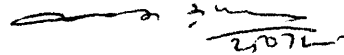
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Railway Board

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2. Dy. Comptroller and Auditor General of India(Railways), New Delhi (with 80 spares), 224, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.


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