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विषय/Sub :Reimbursement limit of landline and broadband at the
residence of Railway Officers – clarification reg.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. 2021/Tele/11(5)/2-Part(1)(3405766)
dated 26.10.2022 on the above subject is enclosed for information guidance and
necessary action.

Railway Board's letter dated 30.08.2022 referred therein is enclosed for
reference.

Encl.04 pages


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For Principal Chief Personnel Officer

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2021/Tele/11/(5)/2-Part(1)
भारतसरकार (GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)
रेलमंत्रालय (MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS)
रेलवेबोर्ड (RAILWAY BOARD)

No.2021/Tele/11(5)/2-Part(1)(3405766)

Rail Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
Dated: 26.10.2022

The GMs/CMD/PCAOs/CAOs,
All Indian Railways, KRCL, PUs, CORE, COFMOW
(As per standard list)

The DGs/Directors
RDSO, NAIR, All CTIs
Chairman, RRBs

Sub.: Reimbursement limit of landline and broadband at the residence of Railway officers – clarification reg.

- Ref.:** (i) Board's letter No.2021/Tele/11(5)/2(3370650) dated 30.08.2022
(ii) Board's letter No.2010/Tele/11(5)/1/Pt.I dated 14.12.2015
(iii) Board's letter No.2010/Tele/11(5)/1 dated 29.09.2010

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A combined monthly limit for reimbursement of landline telephone & broadband at the residence of entitled Railway officers has been prescribed vide Telecom Circular - 08/2022, circulated vide Board's letter under reference. Some references/queries from Zonal Railways and individuals have been received in this regard. The matter has been considered and the following clarifications related to reimbursement of landline and broadband at the residence of Railway officers are issued:-

S. No.	Query	Clarification
(i)	In previous policy, one time installation charges was allowed to JAG and above grade officers up to Rs.2000/-. But in the latest policy guidelines there are no clear instructions for reimbursement of one time installation charges. Therefore, clarify whether one time installation charges is allowed or not to all the eligible officers (i.e. Senior Scale, JAG, Selection Grade, SAG, HAG, HAG+), and what is the ceiling limit for the same.	Provision of one time installation charges as provided for in Board's letter No.2010/Tele/11(5)/1 dated 29.09.2010 continues to be applicable.
(ii)	If installation charges are allowed then in case an officer is transferred to another office of same city/municipal area & changes his/her house then, whether he/she will be entitled for reimbursement of installation charges afresh.	Board's letter No.2010/Tele/11(5)/1/Pt.I dated 14.12.2015 allows for payment of installation charges in case of transfer to another place. This facility should be made available whenever the residence of the officer changes even at the same place on administrative grounds.
(iii)	Due to Covid pandemic, high speed broadband was provided through Railnet to officers staying in Railway Quarters. Whether this broadband facility provided through Railnet is to be considered as facility provided by Railway in context to para 2(vi) of the policy letter.	No. Para 2(vi) of the policy circular is about the landline/broadband facility taken from other service providers and not Railnet.

(iv)	As per para 2(vi), if officers already provided with landline/broadband by Railways then reimbursement facilities will not be extended to him/her. However, if Railway has provided only landline and not the broadband to an officer then whether he/she will be eligible for hiring broadband from any service provider and gets reimbursement of Rs.1340/- minus amount paid by Railway for landline (including GST) or not.	In such a case, the old instructions should be followed. Option of using the facility of combined limit will be available only when the officer subscribes to the services himself.
(v)	Officer may be allowed to take quarterly/half-yearly/annually etc. broadband plan and reimbursement (actual or the prescribed limit whichever is less) can be done on monthly basis on submitting the bill & an undertaking that as and when he/she will get transferred/becomes ineligible, it will be his responsibilities to intimate to discontinue the monthly reimbursement. This will not increase the work load of telecom staff.	Users have the choice of subscribing to any plan (monthly/quarterly/half-yearly/yearly etc.). However, reimbursement may be done in accordance with Para-2(iv) of Board's letter No.2021/Tele/11(5)/2 dated 30.08.22. In case, the officer gets transferred mid-way, he may claim the amount on pro-rata basis when he is being relieved.
(vi)	In case both husband & wife are Railway officers and posted at same place and both are eligible for this facility then both can avail this facility or only one of them can avail.	In such a case, when both the spouses are living in the same residence, reimbursement is allowed only to one of them and request for reimbursement may be done accordingly. Similar will be the case for the installation charge. (This is in terms of Para-4.5 of O.M. F.No.24(3)/E.Coord/2018 dated 26.03.2018 issued by Department of Expenditure / Ministry of Finance).
(vii)	Are all Senior scale officers eligible for Broadband and landline connection as per the new policy	No. Senior scale Officers who have been provided the landline facility based on functional ground shall only be eligible for Broadband/landline facility as per the new policy.

This is issued in consultation with the Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

Signed by Dharmendra
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Telecom Circular No.08/2022

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- Sub.: Reimbursement limit of landline and broadband at the residence of Railway officers**
Ref.: (i) Railway Board's letter No.97/Tele/TE/1 dated 12.07.2006
(ii) Railway Board's letter No.2010/Tele/11(5)/1 dated 29.09.2010

As per existing provisions, separate limits for reimbursement of landline telephone and broadband at the residence of entitled officers have been prescribed.

2. In view of telecom tariffs having undergone vast changes since the policy instructions were issued last, the issue of merging the existing reimbursement limits of landline and broadband has been under consideration of Board for quite some time. In supersession of the earlier instructions in this regard, it has been decided with Board's approval that there will be a combined limit instead of separate limits for landline and broadband connections at the residence of entitled Railway officers with the following stipulations:

- (i) Officers shall have the option of choosing any of the telecom service providers from open market for availing the telephone/broadband services.
- (ii) The expenditure incurred may be reimbursed to the user on production of bills.
- (iii) The reimbursement of actual bills or the prescribed limit, whichever is less, may be done.
- (iv) Reimbursement of bills may be allowed only after availing of the services by the user. No advance reimbursement of bills will be permitted.
- (v) Reimbursement of bills of only one landline and one Broadband connection per user will be permitted.
- (vi) The facility of reimbursement of bills will be extended to only those officers who have not been provided landline/broadband facility by Railway.

3. The combined monthly limit for reimbursement of Landline telephone & Broadband at the residence of entitled officers will be as per Annexure-I.

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

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Combined reimbursement limit of Landline telephone & Broadband at the residence of entitled Railway officers

Sl. No.	Level	Limit for Landline+Broadband (Rs./month inclusive of GST)
1.	HAG+	1340/-
2.	HAG	1340/-
3.	SAG	1340/-
4.	Selection Grade	1340/-
5.	JAG	1340/-
6.	Senior Scale	1340/-

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