

**National Institute of Open Schooling  
A-24/25, Institutional Area  
Sector -62, Noida**

NIOS/Accts/55<sup>th</sup> EB/2010

Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010

**OFFICE ORDER**

The Executive Board of NIOS in its 55<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 22.03.2010 has approved the reimbursement of telephone expenses to the non entitled officers (Below the rank of Deputy Director) holding the charge of Regional Director at Regional Centres as per Govt. of India's rule (copy of order enclosed).

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

  
(S.K. Misra)  
Secretary

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1. All HODs
2. PS to CM for kind information of the Chairman
3. All Regional Directors
4. DD (Accounts) for information and necessary implementation
5. Notice Board

Sl. No.	Ministry / Dept.	Date	Particulars
11	Railways	22-9-06	Internal induction of skilled artisans Gr. III in the posts of Assistant Loco Pilot (Diesel / Elect.).
38.	"	22-9-06	Procedure for holding selections to posts classified as 'Selection' — Deletion of heading "Personality, Address, Leadership and Academic / Technical Qualification" from the selection procedure.
39.	"	13-10-06 / 18-12-06	Eligibility of divorced / widowed daughter for grant of Family Pension.
40.	"	19-10-06	State Railway Provident Fund / New Pension System (Defined Contribution Pension Scheme) — Rate of interest for the Year 2006-2007.
41.	"	14-11-06	Applicability of Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993 in respect of those appointed prior to 1-4-2004 and put on induction training.
42.	"	15-11-06	Grant of enhanced <i>ex gratia</i> to the surviving State Railway Provident Fund (Contributory) retirees.
43.	"	20-12-06	Issue of a show-cause notice to the pensioner before imposing a cut in his pension where the pensioner is convicted in judicial proceedings for an offence committed by him while in service.

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G.I., M.F., O.M. No. 7 (14)/C&V/2006, dated 14-11-2006

**Facility of Telephone (landline and / or mobile connection) at the residence in respect of entitled categories of Government employees**

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's O.M. No. 7(8)-E. Co-ord./82, dated 8-6-1982 regarding ceiling on number of calls allowed on official account to officers in the telephone provided at their residence. Since the last OM was issued, there have been many changes in the field of telecommunications and major technological advancements have taken place. This has brought internet, mobile facilities to the domain of the common people. Many service providers with various schemes have also entered into the market. Further, usage of telecommunication services has proliferated. Therefore, it is imperative that Government officers adopt to the changing trends in communication. In this regard, O.M. No. 7(2)/E.Co-ord./2005, dated the 23rd November, 2005 on Budget/Expenditure Management, economy measures, rationalization of expenditure and measures for augmentation of revenues, mentions to avail the services of providers other than MTNL / BSNL to curtail the expenditure on telephones and also exhorts that the increased use of information and communication technology should be further encouraged. Though tariff rates have come down, unit duration

of calls has decreased and not necessarily resulting into lower call rates. Keeping this in view and the technology available in the field of communication, the existing instructions on the subject have been reviewed. The existing entitlement regarding reimbursement of telephone charges of residential telephones provided to the officers as also on the mobile phones to the entitled officers to the Government of India, and broadband facility at home has been converged into a single package. Accordingly, in supersession of O.M. No. 7(8)-E. Co-ord./82, dated 8-6-1982; O.M. No. 5(3)/E. Co-ord./2002, dated 1-1-2003 (Sl. No. 142 of *Swamy's Annual*, 2003), O.M. Nos. 7(3)/E.Co-ord./2003, dated 14-1-2004, 26-2-2004 (Sl. Nos. 149 and 154 of *Swamy's Annual*, 2004 respectively) and 5-4-2004, the following decisions have been taken:—

2. The maximum amount reimbursable to a category of officer will be regulated as given in the table below:—

S. No.	Rank / Designation	Ceiling Amount
1.	Secretary to the Government of India and equivalent rank.	Rs. 2,800 per month.
2.	Additional Secretary and Joint Secretary to the Government of India.	Rs. 2,000 per month.
3.	Equivalent rank to Additional Secretary and Joint Secretary to the Government of India.	Rs. 1,800 per month.
4.	Director and Deputy Secretary to the Government of India and equivalent rank.	Rs. 1,500 per month.
5.	Below the rank of Deputy Secretary to the Government of India (restricted to 25% of Group 'A' Officers below the rank of Deputy Secretary).	Rs. 800 per month.

- (i) The amount will be reimbursed within the prescribed ceiling on submission of bill / receipt by the concerned officer. There will not be any separate ceilings for landline / mobile / broadband.
- (ii) The amount reimbursable will cover landline and / or mobile connection.
- (iii) The amount reimbursable is exclusive of all taxes, if any.
- (iv) Officers are at liberty to choose the service provider and avail any options for payment within the maximum monetary ceiling.
- (v) It will also include broadband facility or such facilities through which data, voice or image is transferred.

- (vi) STD facility may be provided in the residential telephones. However, there would be no enhancement of ceilings as prescribed above.
- (vii) No instruments would be provided by the office, except to the Secretary and Secretary level officers of the Government of India, for which the cost of handset for mobile phone would be limited to Rs. 10,000 in each case.
- (viii) The amount reimbursable will be reduced by Rs. 400 if the officer of the rank of Deputy Secretary and above does not have broadband facility at his residence.
- (ix) All the offices are instructed to bear the extra cost from their 'Office Expenses — Telephone' and no additional fund will be provided in this regard.

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G.I., Dept. of Pen. & P.W., Notfn. No. 20/3/2005-P&PIV (F),  
dated 4-10-2005

**Amendment to Fifth Schedule of GPF (CS) Rules**

S.O. 3682.— In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution, the President hereby makes the following rules further to amend the General Provident Fund (Central Services) Rules, 1960, namely:—

1. (1) These rules may be called the General Provident Fund (Central Services) Amendment Rules, 2005.  
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette (15-10-2005).
2. In the General Provident Fund (Central Services) Rules, 1960, in the Fifth Schedule, in Paragraph 2, after Serial Number (13), before the proviso, for the existing entries relating thereto, the following entries shall be substituted, namely:—

*"Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (DMI), Ministry of Agriculture.*

- (1) Director (A), DMI, Faridabad — in respect of all Group 'A' Officers of the Directorate up to Assistant Agricultural Marketing Adviser whose pay scale is Rs. 10,000-325-15,200 and all Groups 'B', 'C' and 'D' Officers posted in Head Office at Faridabad and Agricultural Marketing Adviser's Office, New Delhi.
- (2) Joint Agricultural Marketing Adviser, Branch Head Office, Nagpur — in respect of Groups 'B', 'C' and 'D' employees posted in Branch Head Office, Nagpur.