

6.12 Telephone - Ceiling on free calls prescribed to the residential telephones of Government Officers - Certain Clarifications - issued.

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
PUBLIC (TELEPHONES.I) DEPARTMENT**

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Sub: Telephone - Ceiling on free calls prescribed to the residential telephones of Government Officers - Certain Clarifications - issued.

- Ref: 1) G.O.Ms.No. 1578 Public Tels.I) dt: 19-8-86
2) G.O.Ms.No. 336 Public (Tels.I) dt. 19-4-04.
3) G.O.Ms.No. 54661 A/94-1 Public (Tels.I) dt: 19-1-95.
4) G.O.Ms.No. 24973 A/95-2 Public (Tels.I) dt: 14-6-95.

In the G.O. first cited orders were issued prescribing ceiling on free calls to the residential telephones of various categories of officers of State Government.

2) In the G.O. second cited the ceiling on free calls to the office and residential telephones of the officers have been enhanced as detailed below:

OFFICE TELEPHONES

(i)	Direct line Telephones attached to Secretaries / Additional Secretaries to Government / Heads of Departments	:	5000 free calls bimonthly excluding rental charges
(ii)	All other office telephones	:	3500 free calls bimonthly excluding rental charges

RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONES

Category	Ceiling	Officer entitled for the facility
Category I	Total exemption (No Ceiling on free calls)	High Dignitaries / Officials mentioned in Annexure I of G.O.Ms. No. 1578 Public
Category II	2000 (two thousand) free calls bimonthly including the free calls allowed by the Telephones Department	Secretaries including Addl. Secretaries to Govt. and other officials given in Annexure II of G.O.Ms. No. 1578 Public (Tels. I) dt. 19-8-86.
Category III	1000 (One thousand) free calls bimonthly including the free calls allowed by the Telephones Department	Certain Heads of depts/ Gazetted Personal Assts. / Senior PAs to Ministers and other officials given in Annexure III of G.O. Ms. No. 1578 Public (Tels. I) dt: 19-8-86.
	600 (Six hundred) free calls bimonthly including the free calls allowed by the Telephones Department	All other officers who are not covered in Annexures I, II and III of G.O. Ms. No. 1578 Public (Tels. 1) dt. 19-8-86.

3) The amount of free calls allowed to the office and residential telephones of the officers as per the existing tariff rate of Madras Telephones is as follows:-

OFFICE TELEPHONES

(i)	Rs. 6350/- (for 5000 free calls bi monthly) excluding rental charges
(ii)	Rs. 4250/- (for 3500 free calls bi monthly) excluding rental charges

RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONES

Category I	:	Total exemption
Category II	:	Rs. 2150/- bimonthly including the 150 free calls allowed by Telephones Department
Category III	:	Rs. 900/- bimonthly including the 150 free calls allowed by Telephones Department
Category IV.	:	Rs. 500/- bimonthly including the 150 free calls allowed by Telephones Department

4) In the Government Circular third cited, the Departments of Secretariat / Heads of Departments / Special / Senior Personal Assistants to Ministers were informed that the ceiling of 5000 free calls (amounting to Rs. 6350/-) and 3500 free calls (amounting to Rs. 4250/-) bimonthly fixed to the office telephones excludes rental charges only and that all other charges claimed in the telephone bill viz. call charges, Trunk call charges, phonogram charges etc., should not exceed the above ceiling limit at any cost.

5) In the Government Circular fourth cited, the Departments of Secretariat / Heads of Departments / Special / Senior Personal Assistants to Ministers were informed that the ceiling amount of Rs. 2150/- (for 2000 free calls) Rs. 800/- (for 1000 free calls) and Rs. 500/- (for 600 free calls) fixed to the residential telephones of Category II, III and IV officers mentioned in the G.O. first cited includes the charges for the trunk calls, phonograms, service charges, etc., also. They were therefore advised to restrict the expenditure on residential telephones including the charges for trunk calls, phonograms, service charges etc., within the ceiling limit. They were also informed that in view of the enhanced ceiling limit ordered in G.O. Second cited, no waiver would be given for any excess call on residential telephones and the entire excess call charges would be recovered from the officers concerned.

6) In spite of the above instructions, it is noticed that by mistake some Departments of Secretariat and Heads of Departments and to include the rental charges (i.e. Rs. 380/-) also in the ceiling limit fixed to the residential telephones of the officers coming under Categories II to IV while calculating the excess call charges due to be recovered from them instead of the charges for the free calls allowed by Madras Telephones. By this wrong calculation the officers of the above categories are deprived of utilising the entire free calls allowed to them in the G.O. second cited. It has therefore been decided to issue instructions in this regard.

7) The Departments of Secretariat and Heads of Departments are therefore informed that the ceiling on free calls allowed by the Government to the residential telephones of the Government officers include the charges for free calls allowed by the Telephones Department the charges for the trunk calls, phonograms and the proportionate service charges of these items. It does not include the bimonthly rental charges, shift charges, accessories rent and the proportionate service charges for these items. An illustration as how to calculate the excess call charges to be recovered from the officers is annexed to this circular for information and guidance.

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Metered Calls	Credit Calls	Debit Calls	Free Calls allowed by Ms. Tels.	Net Calls	Total	
800	-	-	150	650	580.00	
i)	Phonograms				50.00	
ii)	Trunk Calls				75.00	
iii)	Accessories Rent				500.00	
iv)	Shift Charges				600.00	
v)	Rental Charges				380.00	
					2185.00	
					109.25	
					2294.25	
I.	Total (Rounded off to Rs. 2294/-)					2294.00
Charges to be borne by the Government						
i)	Accessories Rent				500.00	
ii)	Shift Charges				600.00	
iii)	Bimonthly Rent				380.00	
iv)	Charges for the free calls allowed for the officer (i.e. 450 calls)(350 x .80 and 100 x 1.00)				380.00	
					1860.00	
	Service Tax @ 5%				83.00	
II.	Total					1953.00
Charges to be borne by the Officer						
i)	Excess Call Charges (800-600-200 x1.00) (Metered Calls - Ceiling)				200.00	
ii)	Phonograms				50.00	
iii)	Trunk Call Charges				75.00	
					325.00	
	Service Tax @ 5%				26.25	
					341.25	
III.	Total (Rounded off to Rs. 341/-)					341.00
	(Total (II + III))					2294.00

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Note:-

To work out the excess call charges to be recovered from the officer the amount should be calculated at the following rates:

From 601 to 1000 Calls	-	Rs. 1.00 per call
From 1001 to 2000 Calls	-	Rs. 1.25 per call
From 2001 calls	-	Rs. 1.40 per call

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