

TELEPHONES

32.1 Entitlement of telephones

In CBI, officers of the level of Superintendent of Police and above are entitled for a direct telephone connection in their office as well as their residence. Other officers are sanctioned a telephone with a specific order from the Government.

32.2 Installation

The power to sanction a new telephone connection vests with the Government. However, the power for shifting of telephones to the entitled officers has been delegated to the Head of the Department which has further been delegated by the Director, CBI to the Joint Directors of CBI.

32.3 Limitation of calls

There is no limit fixed by the Government for number of official calls in respect of telephones installed in the offices. However, the DCBI, in exercise of his powers as Head of the Department, has fixed a ceiling on the bi-monthly bills in respect of telephones installed at the office and residence of the officers of the rank of Joint Director and below (See [Annexure-XVI](#)). All the STD calls are required to be certified by the officer indicating the calls as official/private respectively. The charges on the private calls are to be deposited by the officer concerned with the cashier of the concerned branch and Receipt No., date and amount is to be intimated to the DDO. In case excess calls are made from residential phones for official purposes, specific approval has to be obtained from Ministry of Finance for regularization of calls.

32.4 Residential telephone

In case of the telephones installed at the residence, bimonthly local calls numbering 650+free calls are allowed. However, in case, STD connection is available and allowed by the government, then every STD call, whether it is official or private is to be certified by the officer himself and also required to be countersigned by the next higher authority. Therefore, payment is to be made by the office only in respect of 650 local calls + official STD calls. Local calls in excess of 650 + free calls will be treated as private calls and accordingly charges are to be deposited by the officer concerned with the government through cashier of the concerned branch.

32.5 STD facility

As per existing instructions of the government, the officers of the level of Joint Secretary to the Government of India and above are entitled for STD facility in their office and residential telephones. STD connection to the non entitled officers are provided on obtaining the specific approval from Government on the grounds of operational requirement/ need basis.

32.6 **ISD facility**

ISD calls are not allowed except in individual cases, if any, wherein the Ministry of Finance has agreed to the same.

32.7 **Mobile Phones**

The facility of Mobile Phones has been allowed to the Secretaries and Secretary level officers of the Government of India with certain conditions vide Ministry of Finance & Company Affairs OM No.5(3)/E.Coord/2002 dated 01.01.2003. Government on a specific proposal from CBI has sanctioned some mobile phones to be utilized only during actual raids/operations. These have been distributed by DCBI to JDs/DIsG of various Zones/Regional Offices for operational use.

32.8 **Residential telephones for Dy.SsP in CBI:**

As per CBI HO Circular No.2/31/97/IWSU dated 21.10.98 and DP&T(AVD.II) No.205/29/97-AVD.II dated 16.10.98, Dy.SsP of CBI are entitled for reimbursement of local official calls limited to a number of 650 calls bimonthly + rent + surcharge from the non cellular phones installed at their residence in their own names.

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