

**F.No. 19024/1/E.IV/2005**  
**Ministry of Finance**  
**Department of Expenditure**  
**E.IV Branch**  
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New Delhi, the 1<sup>st</sup> August, 06

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Air Travel by Govt. Servants within India.

The existing instructions on the above mentioned subject issued vide OM No. F.No. 19024/1/E.IV/2005 dated 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 provide for taking advantage of the increasing competition and the air travel schemes of various airlines which offer significant discounts on normal fares, in order to enable economy in undertaking air travel, without in any way taking away the existing entitlements.

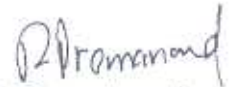
2. Para 3(vii) of these instructions also provide that schemes offered by airlines which are co-branded with the credit cards can also be availed. This would need one time prior approval of the concerned Financial Adviser/Competent Authority for obtaining and utilising such credit cards.

3. References have been received seeking clarification as to whether Govt. would bear the costs incurred by individual officers in obtaining and maintaining the co-branded credit cards on a year to year basis.

In this regard it is clarified that

“The cost of maintaining the credit card may be reimbursed to the officer with the approval of FA if the officer is using the credit card for providing **larger savings** to the Government.”

4. All Ministries/Departments of the Govt. of India are requested to strictly adhere to these instructions.



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To

All Ministries/Departments of Govt. of India.