

F.NO.OI.11016/22/2013-FS
Government of India
Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs

930, Akbar Bhawan, Chanakya Puri,
New Delhi, dated the 23rd July, 2013.

To,

All Heads of Missions

Subject: Awareness among 'Indian Citizens' abroad regarding facility of e-IPO for payment of RTI Fee in FE from abroad, under the RTI Act, 2005.

Sir / Madam,

The undersigned is directed to say that RTI Act., 2005 empowers all 'citizens' (including Indian Citizens' abroad) to have access to information from public authorities by paying application fee / cost of information as prescribed by appropriate Government. An application fee prescribed by the Central Government is Rs. 10/- which can be paid in cash or through an Indian Postal Order or Banker's Cheque or Demand Draft.

3. Till recently, Indian citizens abroad were constrained in payment of RTI fees in foreign currency from abroad thus could not avail their 'Right'. After protracted efforts/deliberations within Government and RBI; Department of Posts (DOP) has come out with service of Electronic Indian Postal Order more known as e-IPO. This is a facility for 'Indian Citizens' abroad to be able to purchase Indian Postal Order electronically by paying RTI Fee on-line through e-Post Office Portal of the Department of Posts. Deptt. of Personnel & Trg. (DOP&T)'s OM No.1/44/2009-IR dated 22 March 2013 containing the details in this regard, is enclosed.

4. You are requested to create awareness among 'Indian Citizens abroad' regarding e-IPO launched by the government on 22nd March, 2013, to facilitate payment of RTI fee/cost of information from abroad in FE by the Indian Citizens abroad.

Yours faithfully

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- (i) Commodore Lokesh K.Batra (Retd.)

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No.1/44/2009-IR
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
Department of Personnel & Training

North Block, New Delhi
Dated the 22nd March, 2013

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject – Electronic Indian Postal Order – launching of.

On the initiative of Department of Personnel and Training, Department of Posts has launched a service called "eIPO" (Electronic Indian Postal Order) w.e.f. 22/03/2013. This is a facility to purchase an Indian Postal Order electronically by paying a fee on-line through e-Post Office Portal i.e. <http://www.epostoffice.gov.in>. It can also be accessed through India Post website www.indiapost.gov.in. As per RTI Rules, 2012, fees may be paid by electronic means, if facility for receiving fees through electronic means is available with the public authority.

2. At present, this facility is provided only for Indian Citizens abroad across the globe to facilitate them to seek information from the Central Public Information Officers (CPIOs) under the RTI Act, 2005. Debit and Credit cards can be used to purchase eIPO.

3. The user needs to get himself registered at the website. He has to select the Ministry/Department from whom he desires to seek the information under the RTI Act and the eIPO so generated can be used to seek information from that Ministry/Department only. A printout of the eIPO is required to be attached with the RTI application. If the RTI application is being filed electronically, eIPO is required to be attached as an attachment.

4. It may be noted that this facility is only for purchasing an Indian Postal Order electronically. All the requirements for filing an RTI application as well as other provisions regarding eligibility, time limit, exemptions etc., as provided in the RTI Act, 2005 will continue to apply.

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5. An eIPO so generated must be used only once with an RTI application. To check any multiple use of the same eIPO, the CPIOs shall maintain a record of the eIPOs so received from Indian Citizens abroad. In case of any doubt, the details of eIPO can be verified from the above mentioned site/portal of India Post.

Sandeep Jain

(Sandeep Jain)
Deputy Secretary

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2. Union Public Service Commission, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Cabinet Secretariat, Central Vigilance Commission, President's Secretariat, Vice-President's Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, Planning Commission, Election Commission.
3. Central Information Commission.
4. Staff Selection Commission, CGO Complex, New Delhi
5. O/o the Comptroller & Auditor General of India, 10, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi.

