Subject: Extending the facility of e-IPO for payment of RTI fee in Indian Missions by Indian citizens abroad.

A service called e-IPO (Electronic Indian Postal Order) was launched w.e.f. 22.03.2013 to facilitate Indian citizens abroad across the globe to purchase an e-IPO by paying the fee online to access the information under the RTI Act, 2005 from the Central Public Authorities.

The procedure to obtain e-IPO has already been explained vide this Department’s Office Memorandum of even number dated 22.03.2013. The main points of the procedure are as under:

[a] The user needs to get himself registered at either of the two websites http://www.epostoffice.gov.in or www.indiapost.gov.in.

[b] He has to select the Ministry/Department from whom he desires to seek the information under the RTI Act and the e-IPO so generated, by making payment using Debit or Credit card, can be used to seek information from that Ministry/Department only.

[c] A printout of the e-IPO is required to be attached with the RTI application. If the RTI application is being filed electronically, e-IPO is required to be attached as an attachment.

[d] 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.

3. It has been brought to the notice of this Department that Indian citizens living abroad are facing difficulties in payment of fees for accessing information from Indian Missions/Posts abroad as the facility of e-IPO was not available with them.

4. In order to facilitate for obtaining the information under the RTI Act, 2005 by the Indian citizen living abroad from Indian Missions/Posts under Ministry of External Affairs, the facility of e-IPO is extended to 176 Indian Missions/Posts. List is enclosed.
5. This may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

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Joint Secretary (AT&A)
Tel: 23093688

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2. Union Public Service Commission! /Lok Sabha Sectt./ Rajya Sabha Secretariat/ Cabinet Secretariat/ Central Vigilance Commission/ President's Secretariat/ Vice-President's Secretariat/ Prime Minister's Office/ Planning Commission/Election 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.
6. All officers/Desks/Sections, DOP&T and Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare.

Copy to: Ms. Sujata Choudhary, General Manager (BP), Deptt. of Posts, Business Development and Marketing Directorate, Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi for information w.r.t. their letter No. 65-04/2013-BD&MD dated 17.09.2013.
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