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To


Director (M&C)
Press Information Bureau
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New Delhi - 110001

Subject: Press Release on "launch of 'eIPO' for online Payment of RTI fee from abroad"

This is regarding launch of eIPO (electronic Indian Postal Order). This service has been launched today i.e. on 22.03.2013. Indian Citizens abroad can purchase the eIPO through the ePost office portal for payment of RTI fee. The RTI applicant can generate eIPO with a unique number for each transaction. This facility will enable the Indian Citizens abroad to get information under RTI Act, by paying the required fees online easily.

2. In order to make the public aware of this facility, a press note is enclosed. This press note may be released today i.e. on 22nd March 2013.

Encl: as above.


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Press Note

Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications & IT, Government of India in association with department of Personnel and Training has launched Electronic Indian Postal Order (eIPO) on 22nd march 2013 to enable Indian citizens abroad to pay RTI fee online. This is a facility to purchase an Indian Postal Order electronically by paying a fee on-line through e-Post Office Portal i.e. **<https://www.epostoffice.gov.in>**. It can also be accessed through India Post website **www.indiapost.gov.in**.

At present, this facility is available only for Indian Citizens abroad across the globe to facilitate them to seek information under the RTI Act, 2005. Both Debit and Credit Cards of any Bank powered by Visa/Master can be used for this purpose. 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.

The applicant needs to register on the website to create his/her profile for the first time. He has to select the Ministry/Department from whom he desires to seek 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 to be attached with the RTI application sent in hard copy. In case RTI application is filed electronically, eIPO is required to be attached as an attachment.