

Deposit of Fees for RTI applications (Embassy of India, Ouagadougou)

As per subsection 1 of Section 6, Chapter II of the RTI Act, RTI applicants are required to deposit a fee in Burkina Faso CFA equivalent to the RTI fee of Rs. 10/- (Indian Rupees ten only) in cheque favoring Embassy of India, Ouagadougou or enclose an Indian Postal Order of Rs. 10/- in the name of "PAO, MEA".

It may be noted that information provided under the Act is available to citizens of India only. Applications should be submitted along with documentary proof of Indian Citizenship (like copy of personal particulars pages of passport). More information is available at <http://rti.gov.in>.

It may also be pointed out that as per section 6(1) (a) of the RTI Act, 2005, a person who desires to obtain information under the Act is required to submit the application to the Information Officer of the "concerned public authority". Applicants are, therefore, advised to send their requests under the RTI Act to the Embassy only when the subject matter can reasonably be presumed to pertain to the Embassy. While section 6 (3) provides for the transfer of an application by a receiving PIO to another [concerned] PIO, this is clearly meant to cover situations where the application is addressed to a PIO on the assumption that it has been directed to the concerned PIO. Where the information required obviously does not pertain to the Embassy, the application may be addressed to the concerned PIO directly.

Payment of RTI fee online - Electronic Indian Postal Order (eIPO)

The Department of Posts, India has launched a service called "eIPO" (Electronic Indian Postal Order) w.e.f. 22/3/2013. This is a facility to purchase an Indian Postal Order electronically by paying a fee online through the e-Post Office Portal i.e. www.epostoffice.gov.in. It can also be accessed through the India Post website www.indiapost.gov.in. 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.

The eIPO facility for paying RTI fees has been extended by DoPT for seeking information from Missions/Posts abroad too. In continuation of the above mentioned DoP&T O.M. dated 22-03-2013, DoP&T, vide its O.M. No. 1/44/2009-IR dated 13-02-2014, has extended the "eIPO" (Electronic Indian Postal Order) service to Indian citizens residing in India also w.e.f. 13-02-2014, for purchasing Indian Postal Order electronically by paying a fee online through e-Post Office Portal i.e. www.epostoffice.gov.in. It can also be accessed through the India Post website www.indiapost.gov.in.

The user needs to get himself/herself registered at the website. He/she has to select the Ministry/ Department/ Embassy/ Consulate/ High Commission 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/ Embassy/ Consulate/ High Commission 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.

An eIPO so generated must be used only once with an RTI application.