

## **Launch of electronic Indian Postal Order for RTI applications**

Department of Posts has launched a service called 'eIPO' (Electronic Indian Postal Order) w.e.f. March 22, 2013. This is a facility to purchase an Indian Postal Order electronically by paying a fee on line through e-Post Office portal ([www.epostoffice.gov.in](http://www.epostoffice.gov.in)). It can also be accessed through India Post website- [www.indiapost.gov.in](http://www.indiapost.gov.in). As per RTI Rules, 2012, fees may be paid electronically , if facility for receiving fees electronically is available with the public authority.

**2.** At present, this facility is provided only for Indian citizens abroad 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 eIPOs.

**3.** The user needs to get himself registered at the website. He has to select the Ministry/Department from which information is desired under RTI Act. eIPOs 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.