

Consulate General of India

Brisbane

Advisory for Indian Nationals on Fraudulent phone calls

Instances of fraud calls by some unknown persons posing as High Commission/Consulate Officials, calling from Embassy phone numbers, targeting the Indian nationals has come to our notice. The caller threatens Indians (usually Indian passport holders) suggesting that they are in trouble on account of providing false information pertaining to his/her immigration, to the Australian government.

The caller usually states that local authorities (Australian Immigration/DIBP/MHA) are initiating proceedings against them and they would be deported to India soon. Offering assistance after such a threat, the caller urges him to immediately transfer the money to an account via Western Union. The caller does not allow disconnecting the phone or any thinking time.

The Consulate general of India, Brisbane would like to caution Indian nationals and members of the Indian Diaspora to not respond or pay any money at the advice of fraudulent calls. The High Commission of India or any Indian Consulate does not make any such calls for payment/transfer of money into the account.

If any Indian citizen residing in Queensland receives such calls, he/she should immediately write to the Consulate General of India, Brisbane – at cons.brisbane@mea.gov.in in the below mentioned format (preferred).

Name with passport details of complainant	Current Country of work	Call received from number and date which received	Call received on number	Money Transfer details		Name of final recipient of money as provided by bank / Western union	Place (country/district) where money was finally withdrawn/collected, if available	Any other remarks
				Sender	Recipient			
				Details of Bank Account or Western Union (account number, transaction ID) Branch, Location from which fund was transferred and Date of transaction	Give details of Bank Account or Western Union (account number, transaction ID) Branch, Location in which fund was transferred and Date of transaction in this column			