

**High Commission of India  
Canberra**

**Advisory for Indian Nationals on Fraudulent phone calls**

Since last 2/3 years, the instances of fraud calls scam is going on by some unknown persons posing as High Commission/consulate officials, purportedly calling from High Commission phone numbers, targeting the Indian nationals. 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 High Commission/Consulate 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 does not make any such calls for payment/transfer of money into the account. If any Indian citizen receives such calls, he/she should immediately write to the High Commission of India, Canberra – at [ppt.canberra@mea.gov.in](mailto:ppt.canberra@mea.gov.in), preferably in the attached format.

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| 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Name of final recipient of money as provided by bank / Western union | Place (country/district) where money was finally withdrawn/ collected, if available | Any other remarks |
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|   |                         |   |                         | Sender   | Recipient  |  |   |                   |
|   |                         |   |                         | Details of Bank Account or Western Union (account number, transaction 1D) Branch, Location from which fund was transferred and Date of transaction | Give details of Bank Account or Western Union (account number, transaction 1D) Branch, Location in which fund was transferred and Date of transaction in this column |  |   |                   |