



Embassy of India, Kyiv

Public Advisory

Indian Embassy has been informed that some Indian students/professionals have been receiving calls from some persons, claiming that they are calling from the Indian High Commission/Embassy/Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and suggesting that the Indians nationals are in trouble on account of the immigration form that they had filled at the airport Immigration counter or anomalies in their visa/passport.

2. The caller usually states that proceedings are being initiated against them by Local Authorities and they would be deported to India unless they paid a fine or penalty for closure of their case/files. The standard modus-operandi has been to tell the recipient of the call that they have deliberately suppressed information while filling the immigration form and to demand payment of a penalty/fine through Western Union or unrecognized banking channels. The caller then gives a fake complaint reference number and asks the victim to transfer money in the accounts given by him/her.

3. The Embassy would like to advise Indian students / professionals working in Ukraine, that the Embassy does not demand money on phone from anyone in this manner. Further, the Embassy would advise that there is no need to panic or to pay heed to such mischievous calls.

4. We would also request recipients of such calls to note the caller numbers and to report to the Indian Embassy immediately, with all relevant details to cons.Kyiv@mea.gov.in & pol.Kyiv@mea.gov.in. We would once again request all Indian nationals not to transfer any money towards penalty/fine through Western Union or any other unrecognized banking channel.

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