A number of incidents have come to the attention of the Embassy involving fraudsters having telephonically cheated some Indian nationals by posing as officers from Spanish Government or Indian Embassy Officials. These fraudsters extort money from Indian nationals, claiming that mistakes were noticed in their passports, visa forms, immigration forms etc. and that they should deposit money (as demanded by these fraudsters) to have these mistakes rectified or else they will be deported or imprisoned. In some cases, these fraudsters have also falsely claimed that they received such information about Indian nationals from the Embassy of India in Madrid, other authorities in India, Spanish Embassy in New Delhi etc.

2. This is to clarify that the Embassy does not send any such notifications to Spanish authorities. If there is any issue, the Embassy contacts the concerned Indian national, directly using the official email ID.

3. Indian nationals are advised not to entertain suspicious telephone calls and they should never part with their money in response to such calls. Indian nationals are further advised to immediately notify the local police. They may also notify about such calls to Embassy at email ID: fscons@embassyindia.es.

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