

American Citizens Services Unit
American Consulate General
78, Bhulabhai Desai Road, Mumbai 400 026, India
Telephone: 91-22-2363 3611 extn. 4306; Facsimile: 91-22-2367-7026
E-mail: mumbaiacs@state.gov website: <http://mumbai.usconsulate.gov>

September 19, 2008

Mailing Options for Voting Materials

Voters in India have a number of options for mailing Federal Postcard Applications, voted state ballots, and Federal Write-in Absentee Ballots to their local election officials in the United States. Mailing addresses for local election officials and state mailing deadlines can be found in the Voting Assistance Guide, available on-line at www.fvap.gov.

1. First Class Mail: You may mail your Federal Postcard Application or voted ballot to the United States through the Indian mail system, with appropriate international postage. Mail to the U.S. takes approximately 15 to 20 days.
2. Diplomatic Pouch: Diplomatic pouch to the East Coast takes approximately 5 days. Processing of mail at the diplomatic pouch facility in the Washington, D.C. area and onward delivery by the U.S. Postal Service to local election officials across the U.S. can take another one to four days. The Consular Section will place a date stamp and seal on your ballot as evidence of the date and location from which the ballot was mailed. However, this is not a postmark. Voters should make every effort to submit their ballots to the U.S. Consulate no later than October 14 for diplomatic pouch mail.
3. Express Courier: Last-minute voters can use express courier services such as FedEx, UPS and DHL to send their voted ballots to all states and territories except Alabama. Express courier companies cannot deliver to post office boxes, so you will need to know the street address of your local voting official in the United States. Mail sent by express courier companies is not postmarked. Contact information for some local express courier companies follows:

Fed Ex: www.fedex.com or

<https://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/overseas/ExpressYourVote.htm>

Tel: 1800-222-6161. From September 15 to October 29, FedEx will ship voted ballots from India to the U.S. for a special price of \$23.50.

UPS: www.ups.com Tel: 91-22-2827-6200

DHL: www.dhl.com Tel: 1800-111-345