Online Job Scams

Scammers target individuals through SMS, emails and advertisements displayed on social media platforms such as YouTube, WhatsApp, Facebook and Telegram. These advertisements promote part-time employment opportunities with flexible working hours, attractive remuneration and work-from-home arrangements.

How the Scam Operates

- Individuals receive messages or advertisements inviting them to apply for part-time jobs with attractive earnings and flexible working arrangements.
- By clicking the links provided, individuals are redirected to WhatsApp or Telegram group chats.
- Victims are requested to provide personal details, including their names, ages and current employment information.
- They are informed that they should have a mobile phone with a mobile banking application and be at least 18 years of age. They are also assured that all transactions are safe and legal.
- Individuals are promised a commission of 0.02% for each transaction, together with an additional Rs. 50.
- Once individuals confirm their interest, they are required to complete a registration process, followed by training.

- Initially, individuals are assigned three tasks requiring them to transfer money online to specified bank account numbers and submit screenshots as evidence of the transactions. Commissions are provided for completing these tasks.
- Subsequently, random orders are assigned, and individuals are required to complete transactions relating to all assigned orders to receive commissions.
- When the balance in the rebate account is insufficient to complete the transactions, individuals are instructed to use their own money or borrow money from friends.
- They are promised that the money transferred, together with the commission, will be refunded upon completion of the tasks.
- Although the money and commissions are initially refunded on time, as the process continues, individuals are assigned higher-value orders.
- At this stage, victims may experience delays or refusals in receiving the promised commissions and refunds for the money spent.

