

## 24. WORK FROM HOME SCAM

A fraudster advertises jobs over the internet and social media with attractive pay for working from home. (Earn Rs 1000 per day working from home).



Raju is very excited after coming across the advertisement and clicks on the link to register for work from home. Raju receives a call from a stranger.



"Sir, thank you for registering with our agency. We have gone through your CV, and you are selected for the work from home job. You need to provide your Aadhaar and PAN card details. You will also have to fill up some forms and sign some documents as per our company policy."



"Thank you. I will fill all the forms and send you my address proof and PAN card details."



Do's:

- ✓ Beware of short URLs, information requested on Google forms from unknown sources.
- ✓ Look for poor spelling, grammar in emails, SMS, and portals.
- ✓ Be cautious of the links/forms asking for personal information.
- ✓ Always check the header of emails for verifying the genuineness of the offer or entity.
- ✓ Report the incident to the nearest Cyber Crime Police Station and National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal at <https://cybercrime.gov.in>.



Raju makes the payment of Rs 10000 as a security deposit to the fraudster. The job progresses smoothly for a week. Raju kept receiving regular payments. He got 7000 Rs as remuneration.

In the next week, the agency started identifying mistakes; they consolidated the errors and produced a bill of Rs 1 lakh as compensation to the agency as per the terms and conditions of the contract signed by Raju initially.



Raju started receiving multiple harassment and recovery calls from different numbers in a single day.



He got calls from 'lawyers', 'police' threatening legal action and then, terrified with all this, Raju paid Rs 1 lakh to the fraudster.

**Don'ts:**

- ✗ Never send sensitive, personal, or proprietary information (Aadhaar or Pan card) via email to unknown people.
- ✗ Never sign any online agreement before consulting a lawyer.
- ✗ Never pay to get a job, genuine firms never ask for deposits