#### **PRESS NOTE**

#### ARRESTED ONE ACCUSED PERSON - INVOLVED IN CHEATING BY IMPERSONATION

The sleuths of Cyber Crime Police station, Hyderabad City arrested one accused person namely Thota Balaji Naidu @ Malla Reddy @ Dasari Anil Kumar S/o. Late T. Chantibabu who is involved in cheating public representatives by impersonating himself as Additional Secretary, Finance department and looted to a tune of Rs 3,60,000 with reference to FIR No 1154/2024 U/s 66(D) of IT Act, 2008 & Sec. 419, 420 IPC of cyber crime PS, Hyderabad. Incriminating material was seized from the possession of accused.

### **CASE FACTS:**

On 15-05-2024 received complaint from personal secretary of MLA in which he stated that one person contacted MLA over phone and introduced himself as Additional Secretary, Finance department and informed that a new government loan scheme is being launched with the knowledge of Hon'ble Chief Minister which require participation of 100 members with a contribution of Rs.3,600/- each and totaling of Rs.3,60,000/-. Believing the same, victim transferred the amount of Rs.3,60,000/- to the mule bank accounts given by the accused. After receiving the amount accused avoided his calls. Hence he requested to take necessary action.

## **MODUS OPERANDI OF ACCUSED:**

During the course of Investigation it came to know that the accused person Thota Balaji Naidu collects phone numbers of MLAs and MPs from the website myneta.com and contacts them as Additional Secretary of Finance Dept and inform them that Government launched new scheme of sanctioning grant, for which participation of members with a contribution amount per member is required. Believing it to be genuine the Public Representatives transferred the amounts to the bank accounts given by the accused. Once he receives the amount, he will switch off the mobiles and avoid their calls. On further interrogation it came to know that the accused person is a Habitual offender and involved in 37 cases in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh states cheating several MLA/MPs with the similar modus operandi.

#### **ACCUSED DETAILS:**

Thota Balaji Naidu @ Malla Reddy @ Dasari Anil Kumar s/o. Late T. Chantibabu, aged 50 yrs, Occ: Ex- AE in NTPC, Ramagundam, r/o. H.No. 1-1/7, Ramalaxmi Enclave, Chenchupeta, Tenali, Guntur District. . In the year 2008 he joined in NTPC, Ramagundam as AE. In the year 2009 February while he was taking bribe from PA of MLA, he was caught by CBI. The CBI Police arrested him sent to Karimnagar Jail for remand. Later NTPC suspended him, after some days again he was given rejoin order to work in Visakha Parawada Simhadri Power plant. After removal from service in the year 2009, he started this type frauds and cases were registered.

The team headed by Inspector of Police Sri. S. Mattam Raju consisting of team members Smt A. Uma SI of Police, K. Raj Kumar ASI, Ch. Sunil Kumar PC 9654, Sri B. Naresh Goud PC 1693, MG Sudharshan ARPC 10645, Sri. P. Ashok Kumar PC 30713, Sri M. Ganesh PC 30003, Sri P. Sainath, PC 7032 and Smt D. Meena WPC12830 under the supervision of Sri. R.G Siva Maruthi, ACP, Cyber Crime PS, Hyderabad.



# APPREHENDED CHEATER WHO DEFRAUDED GULLIBLE PEOPLE SEEKING RAILWAY JOBS

Based on credible information, the sleuths of the Commissioner's Task Force, North Zone Team, Hyderabad City, along with Gopalapuram Police, apprehended Suryadevara Anil Kumar, who deceived gullible individuals aspiring for railway jobs.

## Details of accused person: -

> Suryadevara Anil kumar s/o. Late Samba Shiva Rao , age: 34 years r/o. Yapral, Secundrabad.

### **Detected Case:-**

1) Cr.No.178/2024 U/sec.406, 420 IPC of Gopalapuram PS

## Facts of the case:

The accused, Suryadevara Anil Kumar, is a native of Tenali and currently resides in Yapral, Secundrabad, He is a habitual criminal with previous arrests for similar offenses, including one by Nandikotkur Police in 2023. Despite his prior arrest, he continued his fraudulent activities.

The accused used to obtain victims' phone numbers through WhatsApp groups and informed them about backlog posts for Inspector rank in the Income Tax Department and TTE (Group-C) in the South Central Railway. He deceived one Shaik Hussian by promising him an Inspector job in the Income Tax Department at Patna. Believing his assurances, Shaik Hussian traveled to Patna, where he received a fake joining letter. Later, Anil Kumar offered him a position at the South Central Railway in Secunderabad. Under the guise of training, Shaik Hussian worked as a Train Ticket Examiner (TTE) for six months under the guidance of TTE Naveen Kumar, for which Anil Kumar collected Rs. 10,00,000. Similarly, the accused deceived A. Rajesh by promising to facilitate the purchase of a software company for him, collecting Rs. 85,000 but failing to deliver.

After realizing the extent of the fraud, the victims approached the police. In a swift action, the Commissioner's Task Force, North Zone Team, along with the Gopalapuram Police, apprehended the accused.

**Appeal to the Public:** The public is advised to remain vigilant against fraudsters promising fake job opportunities and business deals, and to verify all offers with official sources before making any payments.

The apprehension was carried out by SIs B. Ashok Reddy, P. Gnanadeep, and Srinivasulu Dasu of the Task Force, North Zone, along with team.

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#### PRESS NOTE

## BUSTED GANG INVOLVED IN OPENING OF 'MULE' BANK ACCOUNTS FOR CYBER CRIME

On credible information the Commissioners Task Force, East Zone Team along with Cyber Crime Police, Hyderabad City and Telangana State Cyber Security Bureau have apprehended (05) members of a gang who are involved in opening of 'mule' bank accounts and further supplying the same to cyber fraudsters, thereby committing Cyber Frauds on innocent people for illegal financial gain.

#### **Accused Details:-**

- 1) Arif Saifi, S/o Kalwa Safi, age: 40 yrs, Occ: Civil Works R/o US Nagara District, Uttarakhand
- **2)** Mohd. Abdul Naveed S/o Mohd. Abdul Wajeed, age: 30 yrs, Occ: Electrician, R/o Dabeerpura, Hyderabad
- **3)** Sohail Khan S/o Mohd. Yasin Khan, age: 20 yrs, Occ: Lift Mechanic, R/o Dabeerpura, Hyderabad
- **4)** Mohd. Dade Khan, S/o Mohd. Fathe Khan, age: 21 yrs, Occ: Sales Man, R/o Kaladera, Hyderabad
- **5)** Sohail Khan S/o Late Sattar Khan, age: 25yrs, Occ: Welding Works R/o Phool Bagh Chandrayangutta, Hyderabad

#### Facts of the Case:-

In the year 2009, the prime accused Arif Saifi went to Saudi and joined as Civil Foreman in the Building Construction field. In the month of February 2023, in Sharjah he came into contact with two persons named Zaid n/o Muradabad, UP and Sandeep Singh N/o Punjab who said that they were engaged in Crypto Currency Business and they need Bank accounts to do their business transactions and offered to pay Rs. 15,000/- for each account. Lured by this Arif Safi along with one Fathima Begum N/o Chaderghat, Hyderabad (presently staying in Sharjah) started opening Bank accounts and procuring SIM cards by offering to pay Rs. 10,000/- for each account in Hyderabad city through A2. Mohd. Abdul Naveed (son-in-law of Fathima) A3. Sohail Khan (Son of Fathima) A4. Mohd. Dade Khan and A5 Sohail Khan. These Sim cards and bank account credentials were sent to Dubai to the cyber fraudsters.

So far 82 bank account details have been identified regarding which from all over the country around 125 Cyber Crime fraud petitions were received, out of which 09 FIR cases pertaining to Telangana State were detected. In these 82 Mule accounts fraud amount approximately Five Crores Rupees (Rs 5 Crore) was credited and the same was withdrawn by cyber fraudsters. Cyber Fraudsters in these cases cheated innocent people to perform the online tasks by investing a lesser amount making them believe that initially they will send profits. After gaining confidence of the victims, they cheated the innocent people to invest larger amounts.

## **Detected Cases:-**

- 1. Cr. No 2603/2023, U/Sec 419, 420, 467, 468 and 471 IPC and 66(C),(D) IT Act of CCPS, Hyderabad
- 2. Cr. No 615/2024, U/Sec 419, 420, 467, 468 and 471 IPC and 66(C),(D) IT Act of CCPS, Hyderabad

- 3. Cr. No 729/2024, U/Sec 419, 420, 467, 468 and 471 IPC and 66(C),(D) IT Act of CCPS, Hyderabad
- 4. Cr. No 100/2024, U/Sec 419, 420, 467, 468 and 471 IPC and 66(C),(D) IT Act of CCPS, Cyberabad
- 5. Cr. No 1059/2024, U/Sec 419, 420, 467, 468 and 471 IPC and 66(C),(D) IT Act of CCPS, Cyberabad
- 6. Cr. No 1781/2024, U/Sec 419, 420, 467, 468 and 471 IPC and 66(C),(D) IT Act of CCPS, Cyberabad
- 7. Cr. No 479/2024, U/Sec 419, 420, 467, 468 and 471 IPC and 66(C),(D) IT Act of CCPS, Rachakonda
- 8. Cr. No 15/2024, U/Sec 419, 420, 467, 468 and 471 IPC and 66(C),(D) IT Act of CCPS, Karim Nagar
- 9. Cr. No 118/2024, U/Sec 419, 420, 467, 468 and 471 IPC and 66(C),(D) IT Act of , Zaheerabad Town PS.

Following incriminating material was seized from the accused:

- 1) 65-Bank account Kits
- 2) 14 Debit Cards
- 3) 31 Sim Card Pouches.
- 4) 06 Mobile Phones

Public are hereby cautioned not to believe the fraudulent online investments which lure them in the guise of high returns by investing little amounts by sitting at home and also request public not open the bank accounts for others and share any credentials to the others.

The above arrest was made under the supervision of Sri. Ande Srinivasa Rao, Addl. Dy. Commissioner of Police, Taskforce, Hyderabad, Inspector A. Nagarjuna, East Zone Taskforce, SI M. Ananth Chary, SI S. Karunakar Reddy, and SI P. Nagaraju of East Zone Taskforce along with Cyber Crime, Hyderabad City and East Zone Taskforce Team.

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