



Cybercrime has seen a surge in recent times, with fraudsters using increasingly sophisticated tactics to deceive individuals. One such prevalent scam is the "Task Based Fraud," which involves offering lucrative part-time job opportunities that eventually lead to financial loss and distress for victims.



## Modus Operandi



Individuals receive unsolicited messages over instant messaging platforms like Telegram, WhatsApp etc, emails, social media notifications offering easy money for simple online tasks (e.g. liking videos, writing reviews etc.).



Upon accomplishing the tasks, individuals are paid small amounts initially to gain their trust. Then, they are offered for higher level tasks with a promise of higher returns & asked to pay advance fees to receive "prepaid tasks".



Over time, fraudsters increase the fee requirements and the number of tasks & simultaneously, the individuals are encouraged to invest more money to receive "prepaid tasks" which will supposedly lead to higher earnings.



Once the individuals invest substantial amount of money, the fraudsters disappear suddenly without delivering on their promises, leaving victims with financial losses and a sense of betrayal.

## Best Practices to Follow

- ✓ Be skeptical about unsolicited messages on social media / instant messaging platforms offering easy money for online tasks.
- ✗ Do not fall prey to alluring job offers promising unrealistic returns.
- ✓ Refrain from sending money to anyone promising high-paying tasks.
- ✓ Verify legitimacy of job offers, investment opportunities etc. from official websites / Apps.
- ✗ Never share login credentials / personal / sensitive / financial information with unknown persons, especially on messaging apps.
- ✗ Do not download unknown files/Apps at the behest of any stranger.

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