FREE TO SHARE · FORWARD IT TO ANYONE WHO IS JOB HUNTING

The Job Scam Check

The most-reported category of cyber fraud in India isn't a bank hack. It's a fake job: work-from-home tasks, part-time "likes", fake offer letters and jobs abroad that end in scam centres. Indians lost **₹22,845 crore** to cyber fraud in 2024 alone, and **6,720** people lured by fake job offers had to be rescued from scam centres in Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar.

Real jobs ask for your time. Fake jobs ask for your money.

THE 60-SECOND CHECK · ONE "YES" MEANS STOP

RED FLAG	YES?
1. You're "selected" without any interview or test.	
2. They ask for money: registration, verification, training, laptop or any "refundable" deposit.	
3. Contact is only on WhatsApp or Telegram, from a personal number.	
4. The email isn't from the company's own domain (gmail, outlook, or a lookalike spelling).	
5. The pay is far above normal for little work, or you're paid to "like", "rate" or "review".	
6. Deadlines like "24 hours", "seats are limited", "3 already confirmed".	
7. The job isn't on the company's official careers page.	
8. They want Aadhaar, PAN, bank details or OTPs before any interview.	
9. A job abroad with the visa "arranged", often data entry or customer support in South-East Asia.	
10. They ask you to keep it secret from family.	

CHECK IT YOURSELF

1. **Search the company yourself.** Never click the link they sent. Open the official website and its careers page.
2. **Call the number on the official website,** not the one on the letter, and ask HR whether the role and offer exist.
3. **Ask one person you trust** before paying or sharing anything. Scammers rely on you deciding alone and fast.
4. **Going abroad?** Check the recruiting agent on the Ministry of External Affairs' eMigrate portal and never travel on a tourist visa for a "job".

IF YOU'VE ALREADY PAID · ACT WITHIN THE HOUR

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National Cyber Crime Helpline. Call immediately with the transaction details. Fast reports give banks the best chance to freeze money. The government's reporting system had saved over ₹8,189 crore by the end of 2025.

cybercrime.gov.in

File a formal complaint online. Keep screenshots, numbers, UPI IDs and transaction IDs.

Your bank

Call your bank's fraud line and ask them to flag the transaction.

> **REMEMBER**
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> *Being targeted is not your fault. Scammers study hopeful people. Reporting fast, without shame, is how money gets frozen and how the next person is protected.*

Sources: MHA, Lok Sabha reply, July 2025; I4C, Jan 2024; MEA, Rajya Sabha reply, Dec 2025; MHA, Rajya Sabha reply, Feb 2026. Checked September 2026. Helpline details can change; confirm on the official portals. From *Inside the Hiring Room* by M. Srivastava. Free to share, print and forward without changes. General safety guidance, not legal advice.