



Follow Up: FRAUD TO PHONE (F2P) Network

Continued efforts lead to the neutralisation of another significant subsidiary node of the F2P network

In a follow-up of leads generated by CyberSafe and painstaking investigations by MP, Jharkhand and UP Police, Haryana Police seized 872 new mobile phones of different companies worth Rs.86 lakh and Rs 15.15 lakh cash from three arrested accused.

Till date, more than 1,100 cell phones worth Rs.1.5 crore and nearly Rs.25 lakh cash has been seized from the F2P Network, with at least 25 accused arrested. The key nodes in the Haryana network were active members of the Balaghat WhatsApp groups run by the prime accused of the F2P Network, Hukum Singh Bisen.

Rajat Madan r/o Gali no. 7, Bank Colony, Kaithal, was found in possession of the 872 mobile phones and arrested along with an associate, Sudhir Narang. This sub-network had a much more varied mix of mobile phones in stock, displaying no particular preference for specific Chinese brands.

The transaction trail for purchase of almost all of the 872 mobile phones was through UPI, implying the rising importance of NPCI in assisting LEAs in preventing cyber-frauds.

With more enforcement agencies using CyberSafe, the gap between LEAs and fintech entities is being bridged for all-round benefit of the unsuspecting victim of cyber-fraud.

About CyberSafe

CyberSafe is an app created by FCORD, operative from August 2019. It links more than 3,000 Law Enforcement Authorities (LEAs), including police stations, in 19 States/UTs with 18 fintech entities online and in real-time. Fraudster's mobile numbers are the key to CyberSafe. As soon as a victim informs the police, the information is entered on CyberSafe and in realtime, fund flows are identified and communicated. Till now 65,000 phone frauds were reported on this app and 55,000 phone numbers and several thousand bank accounts of fraudsters identified. Soon, NPCI will be integrating with CyberSafe, expanding the ambit of realtime prevention of cyber crime to the UPI domain, thereby amplifying its success in crime prevention, manifold. CyberSafe runs a website <https://cybersafe.gov.in>, which provides access only to law enforcement authorities and fintech entities.
