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**PRASAR BHARATI JOB RACKET HAS BEEN BUSTED AND
ACCUSED ARRESTED**

**ACCUSED NAMELY PANKAJ GUPTA, AGE-37 YEARS, ARRESTED
BY ECONOMIC OFFENCES WING, DELHI POLICE**

BRIEF FACTS OF THE CASE: - Present case was registered on the complaint of Mr. Sarfraj Ahmed & other three complainants who alleged that they had been cheated by one Mr. Pankaj Gupta on the pretext of assurance of job in "Prasar Bharati" who received payment of Rs. 3000/- per candidate for filling in registration/application forms of various candidates. After receiving money from around 300 victims, alleged Pankaj Gupta ran away and switched off his phone. Hence, after preliminary enquiries case FIR No. 05/2023, dated 11.01.2023, U/s 419/420/468/471/120B IPC, PS EOW was registered.

MODUS OPERANDI: - Accused generated fake email IDs in the name of Prasar Bharati and prepared fake emails purportedly sent by Prasar Bharati and shared screenshots of these fake emails having details of vacancies etc. with complainants/victims to win their trust.

INVESTIGATION: - During investigation copy of screenshots of emails purportedly received from Prasar Bharati by accused Pankaj Gupta and sent to complainants regarding vacancies were seized. Reply from Prasar Bharati office, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi also obtained in which competent officer of Prasar Bharati denied about publication of any vacancies as mentioned in the emails. During investigation it has also come on record that the copy of emails purportedly made in the name of Prasar Bharati were fake. Investigation revealed that accused and his father were supplier of books in Prasar Bharati Secretariate hence he knew the working of Prasar Bharati and therefore he used the name, logo and emails/name of Prasar Bharati to gain the victim's trust. Bank details of accused Pankaj Gupta have also been obtained and scrutinized and same were found corroborated with the transfer of payments through payment gateways i.e. Paytm, Google Pay, Phone Pay etc.

PROFILE OF ACCUSED: - Accused Pankaj Gupta is a jobless and living on rent with his family.

TEAM AND ARREST: - A team was formed consisting of Insp. Sri Bhagwan, HC Mukesh Kumar, Ct. Manjit Malik under the supervision of ACP S.M. Sharma and overall supervision of Mohd. Irshad Haider DCP/EOW to arrest the accused persons. The accused Pankaj Gupta has been arrested on 19.04.2023.

MESSAGE FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS: - Be a smart citizen and verify all the details of every such person. Always approach direct to the concerned department or it's authorised website and not get trapped in the clutches of such cheats. Think twice before making any payments to any person.

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