



ECONOMIC OFFENCES WING
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PRESS RELEASE

- **FAKE JOB RACKET BUSTED; LADY KINGPIN ARRESTED FROM ZIRAKPUR**
- **VICTIMS FROM NEPAL AND ALL OVER INDIA IN NEED OF JOBS, WERE SWINDLED OF CRORES OF RUPEES**
- **ACCUSED CHEATED THEM BY PROMISING THEM JOBS IN CANADA**
- **ACCUSED KEPT CHANGING OFFICES FROM BATHINDA TO DELHI TO CHANDIGARH, TO EVADE THE EARLIER VICTIMS**

Brief facts

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) received a joint complaint from 23 victims from all over India including Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, followed by another joint complaint from 29 Nepali victims, alleging fraudulent activities orchestrated by a woman identified as Deepika (name altered) and her associates. They were accused of deceiving individuals on the pretext of securing jobs in Canada through social media platforms, resulting in a collective loss of approximately Rs. 4-5 Crore. Subsequently, FIR No. 11/24 under section 420/120(B) IPC was registered at PS EOW, New Delhi in March, 2024, and an ongoing investigation was initiated.

Modus Operandi

The accused, Deepika (name altered), and her associates deceitfully enticed the complainants by falsely claiming to have connections in Canada, promising them lucrative job opportunities. Eager for employment prospects, the unsuspecting victims paid substantial sums of money to the accused individuals. However, shortly after receiving payments, the accused abruptly shut down their office and absconded with the collected funds. They resurfaced in another city under a different name, repeating

the same fraudulent activities in Bathinda, Delhi and Chandigarh. Around 10 people were working in their office in Chandigarh. Investigation indicates that approximately 150 individuals fell victim to this scam, resulting in a collective loss estimated at Rs. 4-5 Crore.

Arrest, Search and seizure

In view of the gravity of the crime, technical surveillance was mounted and informers were activated. It emerged that after closing the office in Delhi, the accused persons have started a new office at Chandigarh under a different name, though with the same activities. A team led by Inspector Yograj, comprising Sub Inspector Manoj Kumar, Sub Inspector Arvind Kumar, Women Constables Phoranti and Laltesh was formed to nab the accused persons under supervision of ACP EOW Ghanshyam and overall supervision of DCP EOW Vikram K. Porwal. The team was successful in arresting the lady kingpin Deepika from her residence at Zirakpur, Punjab. Upon conducting a search at the premises, 02 laptops, more than 10 mobile phones and 03 passports along with other incriminating documents were recovered.

Investigation

The accused is in police custody remand at present. The interrogation has revealed that the accused used to lure the victims gradually by taking a small amount of Rs. 6,000 initially, and after winning the trust of the victim, showed them rosy picture of jobs in Canada and convinced the victims to shell out more amount, upto Rs 5 Lakhs from a single victim. They ran a website to attract customers. They also promoted their firm through social media including paid promotion ads through digital marketing platforms on Facebook, Instagram, etc. After collecting huge amounts at one place, they abruptly shut down the office and absconded, and later opened office in other city with a new name of the firm, new website and contact numbers. They used to run offices at prominent commercial areas in the cities, eg. In Delhi their office was at Crown Heights in Rohini, in Chandigarh they were found running office in Sector-17, and similarly had their office in a renowned hotel in Bathinda, to present a professional look to the customers. Their firm was named Ladder Groups in Delhi, Migrate Master and Visa Vista in Chandigarh, thus once the earlier office was closed, they cannot be traced by the name of the firm. They also employed mostly new tele-callers at every place to lure the victims. However, not a single customer was ever sent abroad for work by the accused company so far, and all the amount received was siphoned off.

Profile of the accused person arrested

Deepika (name altered) was born in Hanumangarh, Rajasthan and pursued her undergraduate studies in Arts at Rajasthan University before commencing her career as a tele-caller for companies specializing in immigration services. Subsequently, she collaborated with co-accused individuals to orchestrate schemes defrauding people of substantial sums of money, amounting to crores of rupees.

Message for general awareness

1. Before investing in schemes providing for jobs abroad, ensure that the company/firm is registered with the Protector General of Emigrants (PGE).
2. Research the immigration company's reputation to assess their track record and history of client satisfaction.
3. Insist on a written contract outlining the services provided, fees, and refund policy before proceeding.
4. Conduct thorough background checks on any company/firm before submitting your resume for job opportunities in foreign countries.
5. Avoid making payments in cash; always demand a receipt or proof of payment for any transactions made.
6. Stay vigilant and be aware of potential scams or fraudulent activities.
7. Remember, being alert can save you from falling victim to scams.

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