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## Assignment 2

### CASE STUDY OF CYBER ATTACKS

#### **1. Chinese scam that cheated 5 lakh Indians of Rs 150 crore busted**

##### **Sections Violated:**

Section 66D of the Information Technology Act and Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code.

On 9 June, 2021 the Delhi Police's cyber cell busted a nationwide fraud syndicate run by a group of Chinese nationals in collusion with Indian fraudsters. They had duped more than 5 lakh Indians of over Rs 150 crores in two months. The fraudsters claimed to offer profitable returns on an online multilevel marketing campaign through malicious mobile apps such as Power Bank, EZPlan etc.

##### **How did the fraudsters operate?**

- People were randomly contacted via various communication apps by the Chinese handlers.
- Links to apps, such as Power Bank, EZPlan etc, were circulated through YouTube, Telegram, WhatsApp and SMS.
- Apps offered to double the investments in 24-35 days
- In order to attract a large number of people for investment, initially 5-10% of the invested money was returned
- Once someone invested a large amount, their account would be blocked by the app.
- Money laundering was carried out through a network of 110 shell companies

##### **Arrests in the scam:**

- 11 accused were arrested
- Chartered accountants Avik Kedia and Ronak Bansal, and others – Arvind, Shashi Bansal and Mithlesh Sharma, Abhishek Mansaramani, Umakant Akash Joys, Ved Chandra, Hari Om from Delhi, Tibetan woman Pema Wangmo, Sheikh Robin from West Bengal

##### **How was the scam discovered?**

- Several social media posts were made regarding "Power Bank and EZPlan" – two apps that offered to double the invested amount within a month.

- Trending at #4, the Power Bank app was available on Google Play and the EZPlan app was available on the website [www.ezplan.in](http://www.ezplan.in).
- The malware forensic lab of National Cyber Forensic lab was asked to examine both the apps.
- It was found that the Power Bank app projected itself as a product of a Bengaluru-based technology startup

## 2.Cyber cell arrests Thop TV app CEO

**Sections Violated:** section 63 of the Copyright Act, sections 43, 66 and 66B of the Information Technology Act and sections 420 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

On July 12, 2021 The Maharashtra cyber cell arrested Thop TV owner Satish Venkateswarlu. The IT engineer was distributing pirated content from OTT platforms and satellite channels and charging nominal subscription fees, causing huge loss to the platforms and the channels. He had lakhs of subscribers because of the nominal fees he charged and the content from a variety of channels and platforms which he offered in return. The complaint against Thop TV was filed by Viacom18 Media Ventures and Star India. Thop Tv offered pirated content from all OTT platforms at a nominal monthly fee of Rs 35. Thop Tv had close to a lakh of viewers because it offered a variety of content including movies, TV shows, sports, and much more. OTT platforms had to incur losses due to this as most of the people who knew about Thop TV did not go for the subscription to the original OTT platforms. Thop Tv was no longer available to users, shortly after his arrest. The arrested accused was produced before the local magistrate court, which remanded him to police custody for a week.