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a) Type of Cybercrime

The cybercrime involved in this situation is **phishing**, specifically a **job recruitment scam combined with financial fraud**. In this type of attack, cybercriminal impersonate reputed organizations such as **Google** to gain the trust of victims. They use false job offers to deceive students or job seekers into sharing money or sensitive personal information. The intention is not to provide employment but to **illegally obtain money by manipulation and misrepresentation**.

b) Red Flags That Indicate the Message Is a Scam

- Demand for a verification or registration fee**
Legitimate companies, especially multinational organizations like Google, **never charge candidates any fee** for job applications, interviews, or verification processes. Asking for ₹2,499 is a clear sign of fraud.
- Unrealistic job offer and salary promise**
Offering a **₹18 LPA remote job** through a simple LinkedIn message without any technical interview, assessment, or formal hiring process is highly unrealistic. Genuine recruitment involves multiple evaluation stages.
- Urgency and pressure tactics**
Statements such as *"Limited seats"* and *"Pay now to confirm"* are commonly used by scammers to create panic and force quick decisions. Reputed companies give candidates sufficient time and never rush them for payments.

c) Steps to Verify Whether a Job Offer Is Genuine

- Check the official company website**
Aman should visit the official **Google Careers** website and search for the mentioned job role. Genuine job openings are always listed on the company's official platform.

