

12. LOTTERY FRAUD

Raju received an audio message stating that he had won an ABC jackpot.



Fraudster: "Hi... I'm Pankaj calling from ABC. Congratulations on winning the ABC jackpot of Rupees 10 Lakh. I have sent you the jackpot details. You may contact the number mentioned therein to claim the prize. Hurry up!"

Excited, Raju called the number in the jackpot message which featured a fake audio of a Superstar congratulating him on the prize. He contacted the given number.

Raju: "Hi, this is Raju. I was asked to contact you for claiming the ABC Jackpot. How shall I claim my jackpot?"



Fraudster: "Congrats Rajul You must pay a delivery fee of Rs 1000 to be eligible to receive the prize. I have shared our account details on your Message App number. Please pay the amount immediately and call me back."

Unaware of this fraudulent activity, Raju paid the amount and called him back.

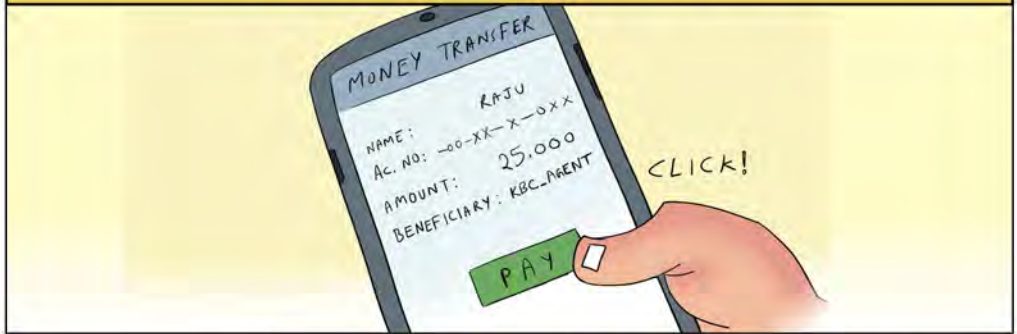
Raju: "Hi, I have paid the amount and sent you the details. When will I get my prize?"

Fraudster: "Excellent Rajul We have only a few more steps to complete before you get the jackpot of Rupees 10 lakh. You will have to pay a tax fee of Rs 25000 to claim the prize amount."

Do's:

- ✓ Verify the message received from unknown numbers before trusting them as members of any company or management team.
- ✓ Always verify lottery offers with official websites of such events.
- ✓ Report the incident to the nearest Cyber Crime Police Station and National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal at <https://cybercrime.gov.in>

Without thinking twice, Raju makes the payment.



Raju: "I have made the payment."

Fraudster: "Thank you, Sir!
You will receive your prize within two days."



Raju waits for the jackpot for the next few days but receives no further updates...



...Later, he realizes that he was cheated.

Don'ts:

- × Do not make payments without verification, expecting very high returns.