



Alert: Protect Yourself Against **LOAN FRAUDS**

Advice from Telangana State Cyber Crime Bureau

Cyber fraudsters are exploiting individuals by offering seemingly easy loans through various fraudulent loan applications. These fraudsters often request irrelevant permissions, such as access to contacts, media, and location, under the guise of loan processing. Once the victim has fallen prey to their schemes, they may face harassment tactics, including the morphing of personal photographs and sending them to the victim's contacts. Even after the loan is repaid, these fraudsters may demand excess payments, causing further distress and financial loss.

PRECAUTIONS TO TAKE

- Refrain from availing loans through unknown applications. Only trust reputable and well-established lending institutions.

- Exercise caution when downloading applications, and avoid downloading from unknown or untrusted sources.

- Be cautious about granting unnecessary permissions, such as access to contacts, media, and location, to any applications. Only grant permissions that are essential for the application's functionality.

- Avoid clicking on links sent by strangers, as these could lead to malicious websites or further fraudulent activities.

- Never install any applications (APK files) sent by unknown senders, as these may contain malware or be part of a phishing attempt.

- Under no circumstances should you share your bank details or OTP (One-Time Password) with anyone, especially unsolicited callers or online acquaintances.

- Your safety and security are our top priorities. By remaining vigilant and adhering to these precautions, we can collectively combat loan frauds and safeguard ourselves and our community from falling victim to such deceitful schemes.

If you encounter any suspicious activities or believe you have been targeted by fraudsters, please report it immediately to the **Telangana State Cyber Crime Bureau**.

Stay vigilant, stay safe.

Best regards,



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