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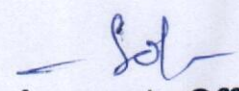
The Officer-in-Charge,
All sections of main Office
All Sub-Offices
Under PCDA(CC) Lucknow

Sub: Regarding predatory lending app on Google Play Store.

Ref: HQrs Office Circular No. Mech/IT&S/810/Cyber Security/Misc dated 21.12.2023

HQrs Office vide their circular cited under reference, has issued an advisory regarding downloading loan app from Google Play Store on mobile phones. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith for information and disseminate the instructions contained therein, to all officials.


Encl: As above.


Sr. Accounts Officer
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To

All PCsDA/CsDA/PrIFA/IFA/PCA(Fys)
(through DAD WAN)

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Recent inputs received from reliable sources have revealed that it has been seen that the personnel deployed in Defence R&D and Defence Production had downloaded loan apps from Google play on their mobiles which made them being targeted by foreign agents using unidentified Pakistani and Indian numbers for sharing workplace contacts. They shared their credentials while registering with these apps.

2. The agents gained access to the data stored in the mobiles, including contact details, data etc. and started calling these personnel extorting money and threatening them to provide workplace contact details etc.

3. The details that were downloaded by these personnel include Loop App and CASHe Personal Loan App. Availability of such suspicious/spurious apps on Google Play store is a matter of serious security concern. There is a possibility of misuse of contact details, passwords and other data particularly to those handling defence/security work.

4. Therefore, it is requested to all the Controllers to take appropriate action to prevent misuse of such apps and disseminate this to all the officials of their sections and sub offices to avoid falling prey to spurious apps/sites and they should avoid downloading such apps on their mobile devices.

(Neeraj Surendran)
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