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Subject: Caution regarding fraudulent activities carried out in the name of Government schemes

Sir/Madam,

Digital Payment is one of the prime focus areas of Government of India. Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) has been entrusted with the responsibility of promotion of digital payments, and is co-coordinating with concerned stakeholders for promotion of digital payments.

2. MeitY is receiving many grievances related with digital payments, which are being addressed on priority basis. On analysis of past grievances, it has been observed that many fake agencies/individuals are involved in fraudulent practices, in the name of Government organizations. Some of the common modus operandi observed are as given:

- a) Using name similar to Government schemes, with minor spelling change and operating "Phishing sites"
- b) Using the logo of Government schemes, photo of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Cabinet Minister etc, in their websites
- c) Providing link of Government websites, to display affiliation with Government
- d) Alluring citizens by promising Government jobs, by issuing appointment letters on fake Government Letters, and extorting money.
- e) Misuse of Government schemes for fake allocation of Distributorship etc.
- f) Specially targeting and building trap around latest announced Government schemes and incentives.

3. In one of the reported instance, e-gram Digital (website - egramdigital.co.in) was misusing the Government Flagship Digital India programme, for extorting money from citizens, across many States, for becoming State Partners and Distributors for fake



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