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On 22.02.2022, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked the public to be cautious while dealing with unauthorised prepaid payment instruments. It has asked the customers to verify the application or website beforehand whether or not that agency is authorised to carry out the services it is claiming.

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Tech Private limited a company having its registered office at 1201, Tower-7, Close North, Nirvana Sector-50, Gurgaon, Haryana “ is using a semi-closed wallet for its car-pooling app without the required authorisation from the RBI under the provisions of Payment and Settlement System Act, 2007. So therefore, if any individual deals with this application will be doing so at their own risk.

Post demonetisation, there has been a surge in digital payments and lending throughout the country. The RBI has constantly informed the users to be vigilant and about various loan/lending apps. In a report released by the central, it was found out that about 600 out of 1100 lending apps were found to be fake based on data collected till November 18 2021.

The report stated that the trend is bound to spike the user who is downloading the app cannot identify whether the app is legitimate or not. Many apps with similar names can also spring in order to mislead the consumer from the actual app, these apps also ruin the reputation of big brands. The user needs to be careful as these apps can collect their personal Identifiable information. Later these data can be used for identity theft or phishing attacks.

On January 28, the RBI issued an advisory that asked the consumers to be aware of fraudulent calls, misleading social media posts, malicious links, false notifications, and unauthorised QR Codes. The scammers were targeting them through these methods in the pretence of discounts, concessions, and expedited responses from banks. After such acts, they get hold of a user's PIN, CVV, Expiry and other personal information



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