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### **Urgent Advisory**

It has come to the notice of the Embassy of India in The Hague that some fraudsters are active in targeting and cheating Indian nationals in The Netherlands. These fraudsters claim to be associated with Security Services or Ministries of The Netherlands.

The fraudsters call up the prospective victims posing as officials of a Dutch Ministry/Security Service and allege that the prospective victim's presence in The Netherlands is illegal as they have furnished wrong or incomplete immigration details to the Dutch authorities. They threaten to detain the individuals, initiate legal action against them or deport them to India. They demand that the victim make online transfers of varying sums of money into a bank account while assuring the prospective victims that they would ensure that the official Dutch records are set right. They also elicit personal details of the victims on the pretext of helping them out.

Instances have also been noticed in other European countries where fraudsters cheat prospective victims posing as officials of the Embassy of India in these countries. The fraudsters have also been noticed to be spoofing the telephone number of the concerned Mission in order to create confidence in the prospective victims.

In light of the above, all Indian nationals in The Netherlands are advised not to entertain any such phone calls. In case of any doubt, they should tell such callers that they would get in touch with the concerned Security Service/Ministry of The Netherlands or the Embassy, as the case may be, directly. It is also requested that any such incident be reported to Embassy of India, The Hague at [consular@indianembassy.nl](mailto:consular@indianembassy.nl) or [ccons@indianembassy.nl](mailto:ccons@indianembassy.nl) in order to enable the Embassy to sensitise the concerned Dutch authorities.

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