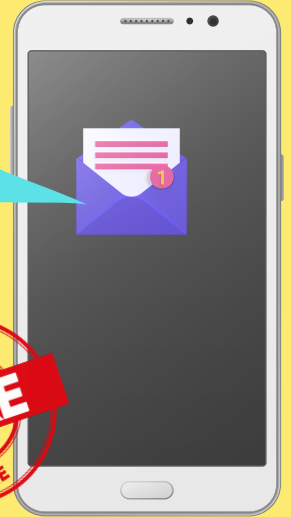


## Advisory

### Beware of Fake messages claiming to be from Income Tax department

- Miscreants are sending out fraudulent messages with phishing links claiming to be from Income tax department and to click on a phishing link to verify bank account details for a refund.
- These messages contain a link which may redirect users to a webpage that looks similar to income tax e-filing website or upon clicking the phishing link sent by scamsters, the person might be asked to submit sensitive information such as usernames, passwords, credit card details., etc.

Dear Sir, You have been approved an income tax refund of Rs.15,490/-, the amount will be credited to your account shortly. Please verify your account number 5xxxxxx4678. If this is not correct, please update your bank account information by visiting the link below: <https://bit.ly/abcdefg>



### What to do after receiving such an SMS?

If you receive an e-mail or SMS which claims to be sent by the Income Tax department, then you should never reply to it directly.

Be very careful while opening any attachments as those may contain malicious code that might infect your computer or mobile phone.

Be cautious while clicking on any link sent in the email or SMS and do not reveal confidential information like bank account, credit card details.

To check the tax refund status, the best option is to log-in to income tax e-filing website.