OFFICE OF THE ADJUDICATING OFFICER, GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY.

Block No: 7, 5th Floor, Sachivalaya,

Gandhinagar.

No: SCA/10/2010/45794/IT

Date: 1 0 FEB 2011

By R.P.A.D.

To,

Shri Manan Thakker,
Advocate & Cyber Law Consultant
2nd floor, Asha Complex,
Bh. Navrangpura Police Station, Navrangpura,
Ahmedabad – 380 009

- 2) Shri Nainesh Dharmeshbhai Modi 13, Sunita Apartment, Haridarshan Society, Opp. Gaytri Hospital, Bhimjipura, Nava Vadaj, Ahmedabad
- 3) Shri Darshan Ganeshbhai Rajput E-1/11, Vishram Park, Nr. Bhavsar Hostel, Nava Vadaj, Ahmedabad – 380 013

SUB: Judgment in the matter between:

Pooja Chandrakant Darooka (Petitioner)

Vs.

Shri Nainesh Dharmeshbhai Modi (Respondent 1) Shri Darshan G. Rajput (Respondent 2)

Sirs,

As directed, I am enclosing herewith the copy of judgment in the above mentioned matter dated 03.02.2011 for necessary action of your end, as per the Judgment.

Yours faithfully.

(Mukesh Ved)
Deputy Secretary (IT),
Science & Technology Department.

Copy to:-

• Hon'ble Justices Rajesh Tandon, Chairperson, Cyber Appellate Tribunal (CAT), Ministry of Communication & Information Technology, Department of Information Technology, Jeevan Bharti (LIC) Building, Ground floor, Outer Circle, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110 001



OFFICE OF THE ADJUDICATING OFFICER GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY BLOCK NO.7, 5TH FLOOR, SACHIVALAYA, GANDHINAGAR

CASE NO-2/2010

Pooja Chandrakant Darooka

.... Petitioner

Vs.

Mr. Nainesh Dharmeshbahi Modi

..... Respondent 1

Mr. Darshan Ganeshbhai Rajput

..... Respondent 2

JUDGEMENT

- 1. This is the proceedings of an application filed by the petitioner for adjudication under section 43 read along with section 46 of the Information technology act,2000. In a follow up to IT act,2000, under powers conferred by the Act, the Govt. of india have issued IT (Qualification and Experience of Adjudicating officers and manner of holding enquiry) Rules,2003 including notification No.GSR 220(E) dated 17.03.2003 and 240(E) dated 25.03.2003 by which the secretary to Information Technology of each state is notified as the Adjudicating officer under I.T.Act,2000. Further section 46 sub section (5) of the I.T.Act also states the every Adjudicating Officer shall have the powers of the civil court and all proceedings before the Adjudicating officer shall be deemed to be judicial proceedings within the meaning of section 193 and 228 of Indian penal code. In keeping with basic principles of justice, detailed hearings were held in which both the parties were provided equal and adequate opportunities to present and defend their case. Following the completion of hearing and submission of affidavits and confessing statements, the conclusion is being arrived at and the judgment being delivered herein.
- Adjudicating Officer of State of Gujarat received a complaint from Petitioner Pooja chandrakant darooka against Respondents Nainesh Dharmeshbhai Modi and Darshan ganeshbhai rajput under section 43 of Information Technology Act, 2000 on 13.01.2010.
 Office of Adjudicating Officer issued show cause notices to both the parties along with copy

of complaint as to why the civil complaint be not admitted on 04.05.2010 for the hearing on 24.05.2010 at 3:00 pm at the Office of Adjudicating officer, Science & Technology Dept., Block no.7, 5th floor, New sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.

- 3. Advocate & Cyber law Consultant Mr. Manan thakker representing the petitioner appeared before the Office of Adjudicating Officer at Gandhinagar at 3:00pm on 24.05.2010. Respondents remained absent for the first hearing.
- 4. Advocate for the petitioner stated the facts of the matter to the Adjudicating Officer by mentioning contravention details, sections under which complaint is filed, power to adjudicate such matters, damages claimed and fees deposited.

Facts of the case

Both the respondents misguided the applicant for approving a car loan from various banks.

Respondents misguided the applicant that credit card and debit card details are must for income tax return filing and for the faster processing of a car loan.

They played various social engineering techniques with Applicant and collected credit cards, debit cards and related confidential details of the applicant and performed below mentioned unauthorized transactions. (Contravention no.1 to 4)

Later both respondents realized the seriousness of cyber frauds they committed and Respondent 2 had provided a cheque of Rs.80,000 on behalf of both the respondents. Later Applicant presented the same cheque 4 times to the bank for clearing but it was returned every time. **Contravention details**

Regarding 1st Contravention.

Access of credit card and online payment system without the permission of the owner or person in charge of a system and charging of services to the account of Complainant on 22-04-2009.

<u>Unauthorized transaction details:</u> Respondents had performed unauthorized transaction from the Axis bank credit card of the applicant amounting Rs. 15506 on 22-04-2009 from Kataria Automobiles, Ahmedabad for purchasing car accessories. (Axis Bank Credit Card Number: 4718 6100 0110 1683. (Annexure-1 of the complaint) Statement of Axis Bank Credit Card).

Losses suffered due to unauthorized access and unauthorized

charging of services:

Actual amount: Rs. 15,506

Bank Charges: Rs. 5,582 (Interest & penalty charges @ 36% p.a)

Total:

Rs. 21,088

Regarding 2nd Contravention.

Access of credit card and online payment system without the permission of the owner or person in charge of the system and charging of services to the account of complainant on 23-04-2009.

Unauthorized transaction details:

Respondents again performed unauthorized transaction from the ICICI Bank credit card of the applicant amounting Rs. 10,000 on

23-04-2009 from K AMIT TEXTILES, Ahmedabad.

Later applicant came to know that K AMIT TEXTILES allowed such fraudulent credit card transactions for fake purchase and provided cash to the Respondents by keeping its commission. (ICICI Bank Card Number: 5176 5382 2574 7001 and Customer ID: 4729435. (Annexure-2 of the complaint)Statement of ICICI Bank Credit Card).

Losses suffered due to unauthorized access and unauthorized

charging of services:

Actual amount: Rs. 10,000

Bank Charges: Rs. 3,600 (Interest & penalty charges @ 36% p.a)

Total:

Rs. 13,600

Regarding 3nd Contravention.

Access of ATM cum Debit card and online payment system without the permission of the owner or person in charge of the system and charging of services to the account of complainant on 22-05-2009.



Unauthorized transaction details:

Respondents had then performed unauthorized transaction from the ATM cum debit card of the applicant amounting Rs. 20,000 on 22-05-2009 form HDFC ATM Centre, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad. (HDFC Bank ATM cum Debit Card Number: 4214 2405 0571 0224

Account Number: 00691000144296 Customer ID: 27965038 (Annexure-3 of the complaint)Statement of HDFC Bank ATM cum Debit Card).

Losses suffered due to unauthorized access and unauthorized

charging of services:

Actual amount: Rs. 20,000

Interest Loss: Rs. 1,600 (8% interest p.a)

Total:

Rs. 21,600

Regarding 4th Contravention.

Access of ATM cum Debit card and online payment system without the permission of the owner or person in charge of the system and charging of services to the account of complainant on 31-05-2009

<u>Unauthorized transaction details:</u>Respondents had then performed unauthorized transaction from the ATM cum debit card of the applicant amounting Rs. 15,000 on 31-05-2009 form ICICI Bank ATM Centre, Shahibaug branch, Ahmedabad. (HDFC Bank ATM cum Debit Card Number: 4214 2405 0571 0224

Account Number: 00691000144296 Customer ID: 27965038 (Annexure-4 of the complaint)Statement of HDFC Bank ATM cum Debit Card).

Losses suffered due to unauthorized access and unauthorized

charging of services:

Actual amount: Rs. 15,000

Interest Loss: Rs. 1,200 (8% interest p.a)





Total:

Rs. 16,200

Also Applicant is facing a huge reputation loss because of delay in payments to the concerned banks. Such delay is due to lack of funds in various accounts which were targeted and defrauded by Respondents for committing cyber frauds.

OTHER OVERHEADS:

Legal charges and court fees:

1) Legal notice charges	Rs.2,000
2) Legal Consulting	Rs.8,000
3) Court fees.	Rs.5,000
4) Vakil fees.	Rs.10,000
5) Telephone and internet expenses	Rs.500
6) Commutation & petrol charges.	Rs.1,000

Total:

Rs.26,500

Complaint under Section/Rule/Direction/Order

Section 43: Penalty and compensation for damage to computer, computer system, etc.

If any person without permission of the owner or any other person who is in charge of a computer, computer system or computer network,--

- (a) accesses or secures access to such computer, computer system or computer network;
- (g) provides any assistance to any person to facilitate access to a computer, computer system or computer network in contravention of the provisions of this Act, rules or regulations made thereunder;
- (h) charges services availed by a person to the account of another person by tampering with or manipulating any

computer, computer system or network,



he shall be liable to pay damages by way of compensation to the person so affected. (Compensation matters Upto Rs.5 crore claim fall under the jurisdiction of Hon'ble Adjudicating Officer under I.T (Amendment) Act, 2008).

Power to adjudicate for the complaint

Section 46(1A)

The adjudicating officer appointed under sub-section (1) shall exercise jurisdiction to adjudicate matters in which the claim for injury or damage does not exceed rupees five crore.

Damages claimed

Damages Claimed

: 1,00,000Rs.

Fees Deposited

: Rs. 5,000Rs.

- 5. Office of Adjudicating Officer issued second notice for the hearing to both the parties to appear before the Office on 29.06.2010 at 3:30pm. Advocate & Cyber law Consultant Mr. Manan thakker representing the petitioner appeared before the Office of Adjudicating Officer at Gandhinagar on the said date and time. Respondents again remained absent for the second date.
- 6. Office of Adjudicating Officer issued summon through the commissioner of police to both the Respondents for appearing before the Office on 26.08.2010 at 3:00pm.
- 7. Advocate & Cyber law Consultant Mr. Manan thakker representing the petitioner appeared before the Office of Adjudicating Officer at Gandhinagar. Both the Respondents remained present before the Office on 26.08.2010 at 3:pm. Adjudicating Officer provided opportunity to keep a lawyer to both Respondents for representing them in the office. Both the Respondents denied for such requirements and requested to carry out the proceedings.
- 8. Advocate & Cyber law Consultant Mr. Manan thakker representing the petitioner narrated charges under section 43 of I.T.Act,2000 to the office for misuse of credit cards and ATM cum debit cards of the Petitioner by the Respondents. He has also produced requisite evidences for such charges and asked for the compensation of Rs. 1,00,000 before the office. (annexure no. 1 to 4 of the complaint)
- Advocate for the petitioner stated that Credit card and ATM cum debit card facilities are covered under the definition of Computer under section 2(i) of the I.T.Act,2000 and any access without the permission of the owner or person in charge of such facilities shall be covered by section 43(a) of I.T.Act,2000.



- 10. He further submitted that charging services from Credit card and ATM cum debit card facilities by Respondents to the account of Petitioner by tampering with or manipulating any computer shall be governed by section 43(h) of I.T.Act, 2000.
- 11. Adjudicating Officer conveyed such charges to the Respondents and provided them opportunity of being heard.
- 12. Respondent no.1 Mr. Nainesh Modi confessed misuses of credit cards facilities and ATM cum debit card facilities of the petitioner without any permission from the petitioner and agreed that he contravened the provisions of section 43(a) and 43(h) of I.T.Act,2000 as mentioned in the complaint. Respondent no.2 Mr. Darshan Rajput also confessed misuses of credit cards facilities and ATM cum debit card facilities of the petitioner without any permission from the petitioner and agreed that he contravened the provisions of section 43(a) and 43(h) of I.T.Act,2000 as mentioned in the complaint.
- 13. Both the respondents confessed assistance to each other for misuses of credit cards facilities and ATM cum debit card facilities and agreed that they contravened the provisions of section 43(g) of the I.T.Act,2000 as mentioned in the complaint.
- 14. Both the respondents submitted statements of confessing the contraventions under section 43 of I.T.Act, 2000 and signed the same before the Office of Adjudicating officer. (Copy of Confess statements attached herewith as Annexure-1 A & B)
- 15. Advocate & Cyber law Consultant for the petitioner Mr. Manan thakker requested Adjudicating Officer to consider factors as per section 47 of I.T.Act, 2000 for declaring the quantum of compensation to the Petitioner.
- 16. Compensation of Rs. 85,000 for the Petitioner is granted considering the financial losses, opportunity losses, business relation and reputational losses with banks, legal expenses and other overheads mentioned in the complaint based on the confessing statements of both the respondents by the Office of Adjudicating officer. Both the Respondents agreed to pay equal amount of the aforesaid compensation to the Petitioner. Advocate for Petitioner also agreed to receive Rs.85,000 as a compensation under section 43 of I.T.Act,2000. Both the parties provided their consents on the aforesaid amount of compensation and decided to put a complete end to the matter before the office of Adjudicating officer and every other authority.
- 17. Respondents requested the office for some installment facilities for the payment of aforesaid compensation amount. Advocate & Cyber law Consultant for the petitioner agreed for the same and accordingly Adjudicating officer allowed 5 monthly installments for the respondents starting from the month of September to the month of January. Both the respondents are informed to deposit 10 cheques in the favour of petitioner in the office of

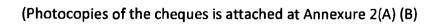


Adjudicating Officer, gandhinagar on 27.08.2010. Both the parties have deposited the 5 number of cheques as under in favour of the complainant.

Sr No	Cheque No. and Ammount	Name of the Bank and Account Number and Name.
1	879231, Rs.8500/-	Central Bank of India, Nava vadaj branch , Naranpura, Ahmedabad. A/C No-3063351433 D G Rajput.
2	879232, Rs.8500/	Central Bank of India, Nava vadaj branch , Naranpura, Ahmedabad. A/C No-3063351433 D G Rajput.
3	879233, Rs.8500/	Central Bank of India, Nava vadaj branch , Naranpura, Ahmedabad. A/C No-3063351433 D G Rajput.
4	879234, Rs.8500/	Central Bank of India, Nava vadaj branch , Naranpura, Ahmedabad. A/C No-3063351433 D G Rajput.
	879235, Rs.8500/	Central Bank of India, Nava vadaj branch , Naranpura, Ahmedabad. A/C No-3063351433 D G Rajput.



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		A/C No-54910200001540
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		Building, Paladi, Ahmedabad.
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 5	010358, Rs.8500/-	IDBI Bank,Hitek
		Building, Paladi, Ahmedabad.
		A/C No-54910200001540
		N D Modi.





AND ACOORDINGLY IT HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO HAND OVER THE ORIGINAL CHEQUES AS ABOVE WORTH OF RUPEES STATED IN THE ABOVE STATEMENT TO THE PETITIONER FOR FURTHER ENCASHMENT AS AGREED BY THE RESPONDENTS.

ORDER

The application for the adjudication is ordered with the pove direction.

Dt......

Gandhinagar



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(Ravi S.Saxena)

Government of Gujarat.

Additional Chief Secretary
Science & Technology Department
Government of Gujarat

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