



Information Technology Act Ready Reckoner

Section	Title	Punishment	Cognizable	Bailable
65	Tampering with computer source documents	Imprisonment upto 3 years and / or fine upto Rs 2 lakh	Yes	Yes
66 *	Computer related offences R / W Sec. 43	Imprisonment upto 3 years and / or fine upto Rs 5 lakh	Yes	Yes
66B	Punishment for dishonestly receiving stolen computer resource or communication device	Imprisonment upto 3 years and / or fine upto Rs 1 lakh	Yes	Yes
66C	Punishment for identity theft	Imprisonment upto 3 years and fine upto Rs 1 lakh	Yes	Yes
66D	Punishment for cheating by personation by using computer resource	Imprisonment upto 3 years and / or fine upto Rs 1 lakh	Yes	Yes
66E	Punishment for violation of privacy	Imprisonment upto 3 years and / or fine upto Rs 2 lakh	Yes	Yes
66F	Punishment for cyber terrorism	Imprisonment upto life imprisonment	Yes	No
67	Punishment for publishing or transmitting obscene material in electronic form	On first conviction: Imprisonment of either description upto 3 years and fine upto Rs 5 lakh On subsequent conviction: Imprisonment of either description upto 5 years and fine upto Rs 10 lakh	Yes Yes	Yes No
67A	Punishment for publishing or transmitting of material containing sexually explicit act, etc., in electronic form	On first conviction: Imprisonment of either description upto 5 years and fine upto Rs 10 lakh On subsequent conviction: Imprisonment of either description upto 7 years and fine upto Rs 10 lakh	Yes Yes	No No
67B	Punishment for publishing or transmitting of material depicting children in sexually explicit act, etc., in electronic form	On first conviction: Imprisonment of either description upto 5 years and fine upto Rs 10 lakh On subsequent conviction: Imprisonment of either description upto 7 years and fine upto Rs 10 lakh	Yes Yes	No No
67C	Preservation and retention of information by intermediaries	Imprisonment upto 3 years and fine	Yes	Yes
68	Power of the controller to give directions	Imprisonment upto 2 years and / or fine upto Rs 1 lakh	No	Yes
69	Power to issue directions for interception or monitoring or decryption of any information through any computer resource	Imprisonment upto 7 years and fine	Yes	No
69A	Power to issue directions for blocking public access of any information through any computer resource	Imprisonment upto 7 years and fine	Yes	No
69B	Power to authorise to monitor and collect traffic data or information through any computer resource for cyber security	Imprisonment upto 3 years and fine	Yes	Yes
70	Protected system	Imprisonment upto 10 years and fine	Yes	No
70B	Indian computer emergency response team to serve as national agency for incident response	Imprisonment upto 1 year and / or fine upto Rs 1 lakh	No	Yes
71	Penalty for misrepresentation	Imprisonment upto 2 years and / or fine upto Rs 1 lakh	No	Yes
72	Penalty for breach of confidentiality and privacy	Imprisonment upto 2 years and / or fine upto Rs 1 lakh	No	Yes
72A	Punishment for disclosure of information in breach of lawful contract	Imprisonment upto 3 years and / or fine upto Rs 5 lakh	Yes	Yes
73	Penalty for publishing electronic signature certificate false in certain particulars	Imprisonment upto 2 years and / or fine upto Rs 1 lakh	No	Yes
74	Publication for fraudulent purpose	Imprisonment upto 2 years and / or fine upto Rs 1 lakh	No	Yes

66* Kindly refer back side for explanation of the complete section.

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43	<p>If any person without permission of the owner or any other person who is incharge of a computer, computer system or computer network, or computer resource —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) accesses or secures access to such computer, computer system or computer network; b) downloads, copies or extracts any data, computer data base or information from such computer, computer system or computer network including information or data held or stored in any removable storage medium; c) introduces or causes to be introduced any computer contaminant or computer virus into any computer, computer system or computer network; d) damages or causes to be damaged any computer, computer system or computer network, data, computer data base or any other programmes residing in such computer, computer system or computer network; e) Disrupts or causes disruption of any computer, computer system or computer network; f) Denies or causes the denial of access to any person authorised to access any computer, computer system or computer network by any means; (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 there under g) Charges the services availed of by a person to the account of another person by tampering with or manipulating any computer, computer system, or computer network, he shall be liable to pay damages by way of compensation to the person so affected. h) destroys, deletes or alters any information residing in a computer resource or diminishes its value or utility or affects it injuriously by any means; i) steals, conceals, destroys or alters or causes any person to steal, conceal, destroy or alter any computer source code used for a computer resource with an intention to cause damage 			

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