



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	Imprisonment upto 3 years and / or fine upto Rs 5 lakh	Yes	Yes
66A	Punishment for sending offensive messages through communication service, etc	Imprisonment upto 3 years and fine	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