

Information Technology Act, 2000

Section 66 - Computer Related Offences

1[66. Computer related offences.--

If any person, dishonestly or fraudulently, does any act referred to in section 43, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine which may extend to five lakh rupees or with both.

Explanation.-- For the purposes of this section,--

(a) the word "dishonestly" shall have the meaning assigned to it in section 24 of the Indian Penal Code;(45 of 1860).

(b) the word "fraudulently" shall have the meaning assigned to it in section 25 of the Indian Penal Code(45 of 1860).]

1. Substituted vide Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2008 Prior to substitution text read as under :-

(1) Whoever with the intent to cause or knowing that he is likely to cause wrongful loss or damage to the public or any person destroys or deletes or alters any information residing in a computer resource or diminishes its value or utility or affects it injuriously by any means, commits hacking.

(2) Whoever commits hacking shall be punished with imprisonment up to three years, or with fine which may extend upto two lakh rupees, or with both.