

The INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACT, 2000

Section 18 - Functions of Controller

The Controller may perform all or any of the following functions, namely: (a) exercising supervision over the activities of the Certifying Authorities; (b) certifying public keys of the Certifying Authorities; (c) laying down the standards to be maintained by the Certifying Authorities; (d) specifying the qualifications and experience which employees of the Certifying Authorities should possess; (e) specifying the conditions subject to which the Certifying Authorities shall conduct their business; (f) specifying the contents of written, printed or visual materials and advertisements that may be distributed or used in respect of a Digital Signature Certificate and the public key; (g) specifying the form and content of a Digital Signature Certificate and the key, (h) specifying the form and manner in which accounts shall be maintained by the Certifying Authorities; (i) specifying the terms and conditions subject to which auditors may be appointed and the remuneration to be paid to them; (j) facilitating the establishment of any electronic system by a Certifying Authority either solely or jointly with other Certifying Authorities and regulation of such systems; (k) specifying the manner in which the Certifying Authorities shall conduct their dealings with the subscribers; (l) resolving any conflict of interests between the Certifying Authorities and the subscribers; (m) laying down the duties of the Certifying Authorities; (n) maintaining a data base containing the disclosure record of every Certifying Authority containing such particulars as may be specified by regulations, which shall be accessible to public