

Cybercrime Law FAQs (India)

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Q1 What is cybercrime?

Cybercrime refers to criminal activities involving computers, networks, or digital devices as tools, targets, or both.

Q2 What is the IT Act, 2000?

The Information Technology Act, 2000 is India's primary law governing cyber activities and digital offences.

Q3 What is Section 43 of the IT Act?

Deals with unauthorized access, downloading data, introducing viruses, or damaging computer systems. Provides compensation for victims.

Q4 What is Section 65 of the IT Act?

Punishes tampering with computer source code required by law.

Q5 What is Section 66 of the IT Act?

Applies when offences under Section 43 are done dishonestly or fraudulently. Punishable with imprisonment and/or fine.

Q6 What is Section 66B of the IT Act?

Punishes dishonestly receiving stolen computer resources or devices.

Q7 What is Section 66C of the IT Act?

Covers identity theft such as misuse of passwords, digital signatures, or OTPs.

Q8 What is Section 66D of the IT Act?

Covers cheating by personation using computer resources, including phishing scams.

Q9 What is Section 66E of the IT Act?

Punishes violation of privacy through capturing or sharing private images without consent.

Q10 What is Section 66F of the IT Act?

Defines cyber terrorism involving threats to national security via computer systems.

Q11 What is Section 67 of the IT Act?

Punishes publishing or transmitting obscene content electronically.

Q12 What is Section 67A of the IT Act?

Deals with publishing sexually explicit material online.

Q13 What is Section 67B of the IT Act?

Punishes child sexual abuse material in electronic form.

Q14 What is Section 69 of the IT Act?

Grants government power to intercept, monitor, or decrypt digital information.

Q15 What is Section 70B of the IT Act?

Establishes CERT-In and its authority in cybersecurity incidents.

Q16 What is Section 72 of the IT Act?

Punishes breach of confidentiality and privacy by authorized persons.

Q17 What is Section 72A of the IT Act?

Punishes unlawful disclosure of personal information under a contract.

Q18 What is IPC Section 419?

Punishes cheating by personation, including fake online identities.

Q19 What is IPC Section 420?

Covers cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property, common in online fraud.

Q20 What is IPC Section 463?

Defines forgery, including fake digital documents.

Q21 What is IPC Section 465?

Punishment for forgery.

Q22 What is IPC Section 468?

Forgery for the purpose of cheating, including fake digital certificates.

Q23 What is IPC Section 469?

Forgery intended to harm reputation, including fake defamatory posts.

Q24 What is IPC Section 471?

Using forged electronic documents as genuine.

Q25 What is IPC Section 499?

Defines defamation, including online defamatory content.

Q26 What is IPC Section 500?

Punishment for defamation.

Q27 What is IPC Section 503?

Defines criminal intimidation, including online threats.

Q28 What is IPC Section 506?

Punishment for criminal intimidation.

Q29 What is IPC Section 507?

Criminal intimidation by anonymous communication online.

Q30 What is IPC Section 509?

Insulting modesty of a woman, applicable to online abuse.

Q31 What is IPC Section 354C?

Voyeurism including sharing private images without consent.

Q32 What is IPC Section 354D?

Stalking, which includes cyberstalking.

Q33 What is POCSO Section 11?

Defines sexual harassment of children, including online contexts.

Q34 What is POCSO Section 12?

Punishment for sexual harassment of a child.

Q35 What is POCSO Section 13?

Use of a child for pornographic purposes.

Q36 What is POCSO Section 14?

Punishment for using a child for pornography.

Q37 What is POCSO Section 15?

Punishment for storage of child pornography material.

Q38 What is Evidence Act Section 65A?

Special provisions for electronic evidence in court.

Q39 What is Evidence Act Section 65B?

Admissibility rules for electronic records like emails or chats.

Q40 What is Aadhaar Act Section 38?

Punishes unauthorized access to Aadhaar data.

Q41 What is Aadhaar Act Section 41?

Punishes unlawful disclosure of identity information.

Q42 What is Copyright Act Section 63?

Punishes copyright infringement including digital piracy.

Q43 What is Copyright Act Section 65A?

Punishes circumvention of digital protection measures (DRM).
