- information, and is designed to facilitate the use of cryptographic techniques for the purpose of ascertaining that the confidentiality, authenticity and integrity of such information is secured;
- "Certification Service Provider" means a person providing certification services within the meaning of this Act:
- "communication" means any statement, declaration, demand, notice or request, including an offer and the acceptance of an offer that a person is required to make or chooses to make in connection with an electronic transaction within the meaning of this Act;
- "computer" means an electronic or similar device having information processing capabilities;
- "data message" means information generated, sent, received ot stored by electronic, magnetic, optical or other similar means;
- "electronic" means information generated, sent received or stored by electronic, magnetic, optical, or similar capacities regardless of the medium;
- "electronic document" includes documents, records, information, communications or transactions in electronic form;
- "electronic record" means a written document, or other record created, stored, generated, received, or communicated by electronic means;
- "electronic signature" means any letters, numbers, symbols, images, characters or any combination thereof in electronic form, applied to, incorporated in or logically associated with an electronic document,

with the intention of authenticating and, or approving the same, in order to establish authenticity or integrity, or both;

- "information" includes text, message, data, voice, sound, database, video, signals, software, computer programs, including object codes and source codes;
- "information system" means and electronic system for creating, generating, sending, receiving, storing, reproducing, displaying, recording or processing information;
- "intermediary" means a person acting as a service provider on behalf of another person in relation to the sending, receiving, storing or processing of the electronic communication or the provision of other services in relation to it;
- "network service provider" means a person who owns, possesses, operates, manages or controls a public switched network or provides telecommunication services:
- "originator" means a person by who or on whose behalf the communication purports to have been sent or generated prior to receipt or storage, if any, but it does not include a person acting as an intermediary with respect to that communication;
- "provides access" in relation to third-party information, means the provision of the necessary technical means by which third-party information may be accessed and includes the automatic and temporary storage of the third-party information for the purpose of providing assess;

"security procedure" means a procedure which in relation to a certificate issued by a certification service provider, is specified in its certification practice statement for establishing the authenticity or integrity, or both, of any electronic document, which may require the use of algorithms or codes, identifying words and numbers, encryption, answer back or acknowledgment procedures, software, hardware or similar security devices;

"third party" in relation to a network service provider means a person over whom the provider has no effective control; Annual subscription of English Bills and Acts of the Parliament Rs. 885 (Local), Rs. 1,180 (Foreign), Payable to the Superintendent, Government Publications Bureau, No. 32, Transworks House, Lotus Road, Colombo 01 before 15th December each year in respect of the year following.