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The International Telecommunication Union says that Any transmission, emission or reception of signs, signals, writings, images and sounds or intelligence of any nature by wire, radio, optical or other electromagnetic systems.

In Newton's Telecom Dictionary The art and science of 'communicating' over a distance by telephone, telegraph and radio. The transmission reception and the switching of signals by wire, fibre, or electromagnetic (through the air) means.

The Bangladesh Telecommunication Act, 2001 of Section 2(11), 'Telecommunication' means transmission and reception of any speech, sound, sign, signal, writing visual image or any other intellectual expression by way of using electricity or electromagnetic energy through cable pipe, radio, optical fibre or other electromagnetic or satellite communication system.

Section 69 (Penalty for sending obscene, indecent message etc.)

If- (a) a person offers to another person engaged in the operation of a telecommunication apparatus or radio apparatus to send an obscene, threatening or grossly insulting message, or

(b) the person secondly mentioned, pursuant to such offer, knowingly or intentionally sends that message,

then, in case of clause (a), the person offering to send, and in case of clause (b), both the person offering to send and the person sending, the message commits an offence, and for such offence the person so offering to send or, as the case may be, the person sending the message shall be liable to be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not **exceeding 5(five) years or to a fine not exceeding 5 (five) core thousand taka or to both.**

Section 70 (Penalty for causing annoyance by telephone calls.)

(1) A person commits an offence if he, without a reasonable excuse, repeatedly makes telephone calls to another person in such a manner that the calls cause annoyance or inconvenience to that other person, and for such offence the firstly mentioned person shall be liable to be sentenced to a fine not **exceeding 1 (one) lakh taka and, in default of payment of fine, to an imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 (six) months.**

(2) It shall be lawful for the operator, upon a complaint and authorization in this behalf from the person to whom such calls are made or from another person on behalf of the firstly mentioned person, to trace the source of, to intercept, monitor or record the calls or to take steps to prevent the calls.