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Amendment to the Information Technology Act 2000



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under the IT Act thereby making the provisions more stringent now.

The Information Technology Act, 2000 was amended through the amendment in October 2023 which will come into force from November, 2023.

The section 66A was recently amended to impose penalties on individuals for sending messages deemed 'offensive' however by this recent amendment, this recent amendment has been removed from the Act.

Further, as per this amended Act, any certifying authority or its employee who does not comply with the Controller's (appointed by the central government to license certifying authorities) orders to ensure compliance with the IT Act can now attract a penalty of up to Rs 25 lakh, as opposed to the penalty of Rs 1lakh in the previous law.

Further, the section 72 has now been amended to state that anyone who discloses information to a third party without individual's consent obtained by them through their authority under the Act will now face a penalty of up to Rs 25 lakh.

The section 45 of the Act which covered penalties for the provisions where no specific penalty is provided, now has the maximum financial penalty of Rs Rs 1 lakh as opposed to the penalty of Rs 25,000, as provided under the previous law.

There have been more such amendments to the Information Technology Act which have substantially increased the penalties as levied



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