

## Section 66D: Punishment for cheating by personation by using computer resource

Whoever, by means of any communication device or computer resource cheats by personation, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years and shall also be liable to fine which may extend to one lakh rupees.

### Comments:

This includes crime through the use of computer or otherwise cyber crime, whereby a person assumes fake identity with a malafide intention to deceive another. Example includes matter related to fake facebook / social media profiles or unauthorized access to account of another person by faking identity, with an intention to cheat. Section 415 under Indian Penal Code defines cheating.

## More Information on Section 66D of Information Technology Act, 2000:

News #1:: [Student caught cheating during Class X re-exam by use of Mobile](#) [23 July 2017]

A 17-year-old student was caught cheating during the Class X repeat exam in Thane. A few minutes after the Maths Part I paper began at 10.30 am, the invigilator noticed the boy taking a picture of the question paper in order to send to a friend for answers, the police said. The student was asked to stop writing and taken aside, the police said. The authorities at the exam centre then called the police. A case under section 66(D) of the Information Technology Act was registered, the officer said, adding a probe was on. [PTI]

News #2:: [Ethical hacker arrested forging documents](#) [March 2017]

In May 2016, Bhargale claimed to have hacked mobile calls between Dawood and BJP Minister Mr Khadse. He explained he hacked into the Pakistan Telecommunication Company Ltd's authentication process in April 2016, that gave him use of Dawood's telephone records. Police arrested the Hacker on charges of forging, as it has been alleged that the accused forged emails and telephone bills to cause harm to the reputation of BJP leader.

He was produced before the Esplanade court in March 2017 and remanded in police custody.

News #3:: [Paramilitary man arrested for hacking Kareena Kapoor's IT account to get her mobile number](#) (03 January 2017)

The cyber police on Monday arrested a 26-year-old Central armed police employee, who is a die hard fan of actress Kareena Kapoor, for allegedly hacking her income tax account in September last year. The official who hails from a North Indian state has told the cyber police that he hacked her Income Tax account so that he could get access to her mobile number using which he could talk to her. The accused has been booked under impersonation, identity theft and relevant sections of the Information Technology Act.

News #4: [Gurgaon woman duped of Rs 30 lakh by 'Ukrainian' she met on matrimonial site](#) (25 May 2017)

In her complaint to city police on Wednesday, the complainant said she created a profile on a matrimonial site last year in February and got a response from a person, who identified himself as Deepak Frank Rich, a Ukrainian. A case has been registered under section 420 of the Indian Penal Code and 66D of Information Technology Act.

News #5: [Four arrested by Pune Police for duping thousands through www.makeinindia.rocks website](#) (07 June 2017)

The gang used two websites to lure investors by promising huge 150% interest per month. One of the website was based upon Indian Government program Make In India, which they had registered on a new gTLD - www.makeinindia.rocks. Majority of them belonged to Mumbai. They may have defrauded over 24,000 people by deceiving public as Govet of India.