

SECTION 66A OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACT

The IPC and other provisions of the IT Act, especially after the 2008 amendment, provide enough safeguards against defamation, intentional insult leading to breaching the peace, incitement to commit offence, etc. Section 66A of IT Act was a tyrannical law as it gave 'rulers' a weapon to misuse and deprive citizens of their personal liberty. Let's not forget that Ruling party and Opposition members routinely say unflattering things about each other. The basic idea behind freedom of speech is to allow divergent critical views without looking into whether people are annoyed or inconvenienced. The real sufferers were general Public at large. The declaration of unconstitutionality of Section 66 A of IT Act by Apex Court of our country has preserved the sanctity of freedom of Speech and expression (with reasonable restrictions) as provided under Article 19 (1) (a) as well as right to life and liberty as provided under Article 21 of the Constitution of India.