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New Delhi $- 110\ 003$ Dated the 22^{nd} March 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Delegation of power to Additional Secretary on behalf of Hon'ble Minister of Electronics and Information Technology to approve notification for declaring any computer resource which directly or indirectly affects the facility of Critical Information Infrastructure, to be a protected system – reg.

The sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 70 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 ("IT Act") empowers the appropriate Government for issuing notification in the Official Gazette, to declare any computer resource which directly or indirectly affects the facility of Critical Information Infrastructure (hereinafter referred to as CII), to be a protected system. Further, the appropriate Government may, by order in writing, authorise the persons who are authorised to access protected systems notified under sub-section (1) of section 70 of the IT Act.

2. In this connection, it has been decided that the Additional Secretary in this Ministry dealing with Cyber Laws related matters is now authorised for according approval to issue such notifications in the Official Gazette for declaring certain computer resources which directly or indirectly affects the facility of CII, to be a protected system, based on the recommendation received from the respective Central Ministries/Departments after the necessary evaluation made by the National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre.

3. This issues with the approval of the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology dated 01.03.2023.

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