

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1150**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2019

**ACTION TAKEN TO PROTECT DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY**

**1150 . SHRI RIPUN BORA:**

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state?

- (a) whether Government has taken strict action to protect data privacy and security of the citizens of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of action taken with global technology giants to restrict cross-border data flow therefore; and
- (c) the reaction and action initiated by the companies therein and the guidelines of Government thereof ?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a): Yes, Sir. An appropriate legal framework that exists in the country to safeguard data privacy and security, at present the Information Technology Act, 2000 has provisions for protection of sensitive personal data, wherein section 43A provides for privacy and security of Sensitive Personal data. Further, to strengthen the protection of personal data, the Government constituted a committee of experts on data protection, chaired by Justice (Retd.) B.N. Srikrishna, Supreme Court of India to look into all aspects relating to personal data protection. The committee gave its report on 27th July 2018. The Committee also submitted a draft Personal Data Protection Bill. Wide consultations were held on the draft bill and open feedback was invited on the contents of the bill. These are currently being processed and it is proposed to table the bill in Parliament.

(b) and (c): The proposed Personal Data Protection Bill has a detailed framework to regulate cross-border flow of personal data.

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