

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1377
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 21.12.2018

DRAFT DATA PROTECTION BILL

1377. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:

Will the Minister of Electronics & Information Technology be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether, responding to the draft Data Protection Bill drafted by justice Srikrishna Committee, the European Union (EU) has suggested that India should not stress on localization of data storage;
- (b) whether the EU has termed the move as unnecessary and potentially harmful to the cause of data protection, apart from creating unnecessary costs, difficulties and uncertainties that would hamper business and investments; and
- (c) whether presently, the EU and the US (with its US Cloud Act) have overcome the need for local storage of data and if so, whether India could also emulate their moves?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a), (b) and (c): The Draft Personal Data Protection Bill-2018 was published on MeitY website on 27th July 2018 and comments were solicited from General Public, Central Ministries, State governments and UTs. The consultation started on 16th August 2018 onwards and the last date of submission of comments was 10th October 2018.

The inputs received as feedback are being analyzed and thereafter the draft bill is intended to be tabled in to Parliament.
