

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON: 05.12.2019

DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMY THROUGH DATA LOCALISATION

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

- (a) whether Government believes that data Localisation will help develop the economy;
- (a) if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has conducted or commissioned any studies to assess the costs of data localisation on small and medium businesses and start ups, similar to the exercise that was conducted by the European Union which did a comprehensive assessment of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) compliance cost on small businesses and startups;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for not commissioning such a study?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (f): The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) on 31st July 2017, vide OM No.3(6)/2017-CLES, constituted a Committee of Experts under the Chairmanship of Justice B N Srikrishna, Former Judge, 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. vide 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. The Report & the Draft Bill of the Srikrishna Committee are available at: <https://meity.gov.in/data-protection-framework>. In the report the Committee has analyzed various aspects pertaining to cross-border transfer of personal data including the benefits and costs of imposing restrictions on flow of personal data outside the country.
