

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1218
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 14.12.2022

PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

1218. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:
SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has reduced the explicit provisions on the harms caused by data privacy breaches, as per the draft Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022;
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof, in the light of Justice B.N. Srikrishna Committee Report and the Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment of 2017 on the Puttaswamy vs Union of India case;
- (c) the reason for the absence of a clear-cut distinction between personal data and sensitive personal data in the draft bill;
- (d) whether the personal data collected from an individual in a non-digital form is not protected under the new draft bill, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government is providing immunity to mass surveillance by Government agencies, which is unconstitutional and detrimental to citizens' privacy and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) and (d): The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has prepared a draft Bill, titled the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022. It is undergoing extensive public consultation with various stakeholders.
- (e) No, Sir.
