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Data Protection Law - India now determined to take the first step

After multiple back and forth in the process of bringing into force a comprehensive and much awaited Data Protection Regime, the Government of India is now committed to take the first step.

After all, there is no point in endless discussion over details and contentious issues, and not even having a basic framework to protect privacy and thereby jeopardizing the goal of digital India.

In order to ensure smooth implementation and address contentious issues during process, a lot has been left with the Central Government which will later set the rules under the proposed law such as the required exemptions, etc.

To start with, the law seeks to provide for onerous obligations on the companies while collecting and dealing with personal data and provide the control to individuals over how their personal data can be dealt with. The good thing is that the proposed law recognises the legitimate use as one of ground for processing the data instead of deemed consent, which was earlier introduced for allowing the businesses to function.

The duties for individuals and requirement of them exhausting grievance redressal before complaining to the data protection board is aimed at preventing misuse of the law.

The Government will notify countries where data cannot be transferred instead of where it can be. This is certainly a welcome step and will help the industry in continuing and aligning their existing cross-border data sharing arrangements with the proposed law.

Like data protection law in other jurisdictions, the proposed law has also introduced a new obligation on the companies to undertake an data impact assessment before implementing a new project impacting data.

The companies will have time to embrace the change as the law is set to be implemented in a phased manner.

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