Union Budget announced allocation of
Rs 2 crore to meet the establishment &
salary expenses of the
salary expenses of the
PROTECTION BOARD in FY25.

So, DPDP RULES are on the Horizon!





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What is the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 (DPDP Act)?

What is Digital
Personal Data
Protection
Board of India
(DPB)?

- An Act that provides for the processing of digital personal data in a manner that recognizes both the right of individuals to protect their personal data and the need to process such personal data for lawful purposes and for connected matters.
- DBP is established under the DPDP Act, India's inaugural regulatory body dedicated to oversee the law and enforce its rules under the DPDP Act. Aligned with its international counterparts, the DPB is tasked with enforcing compliance & levying sanctions on entities that fail to adhere to data protection standards.



Key Components

"Data Fiduciary":- Any person who alone or in conjunction with other persons determines the purpose and means of processing of personal data.

"Data Principal":- Individual to whom the personal data relates. Where such an individual is a child, the term includes the parent or lawful guardian of the child. Where the individual is a person with disability, it includes their lawful guardian acting on behalf of such individual.

"Data Processor":- Any person who processes personal data on behalf of a data fiduciary.



System For Processing Personal Data

giving Data
Principal the right
to specify a
limited purpose of
usage of data

burden of sending notice to Data Principal on Data Fiduciary where the specified purpose is being altered

providing Data
Principal an
option to withdraw
the consent

personal data to be deleted once specified purpose is served or the Data Principal withdraws the consent



Dispute Resolution DPB can issue interim orders during investigations and final orders.

DPB can issue interim orders during investigations and final orders after completing inquiries. These orders can include penalties, remedial measures for data breaches, and referrals to alternative dispute resolution. The DPB may also accept voluntary undertakings, dismiss frivolous complaints, and modify its own orders.

The Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) is the appellate authority for DPB decisions. Appeals must be filed within 60 days, and the TDSAT can confirm, modify, or overturn the DPB's orders.



Penalties

The DPB may levy substantial monetary penalties on data fiduciaries, consent managers, and intermediaries for significant breaches of data protection obligations. The penalty structure is tiered, with maximum penalties for severe infractions such as failure to safeguard personal data or report breaches. The DPB considers multiple factors when determining the penalty amount, including the breach's severity, impact, and the entity's remedial actions.

The DPDP Act does not explicitly provide for penalising the individual responsible, rather the entity. To enhance transparency, we expect the DPB to publish penalty guidelines and make its decisions publicly accessible.







We gather that the draft rules for the DPDP Act has been finalized. It will be released in August for public consultation.

The Government plans on giving sufficient time for consultation.

We hope with our fingers crossed that the rules notified will consider the concerns around the implications and feasibility of the processes that are required to be put in place to comply with the DPDP Act & rules.



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