

The personal data protection bill, 2019 which was brought in to protect the use of personal data of individuals is now withdrawn by the Indian government. The Union Electronics and Information Technology Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw on 3rd of August 2022 announced the same after the joint committee of parliament suggested 81 amendments to the bill. Justifying the withdrawal, he said that ***“it was unnecessary to overlap the prevailing bill as there were many proposed amendments to be brought in force and the government is further working on a new and more relevant regulation to protect the information of the individuals which can be used by tech giants like Meta and Google”***.

He further stated it was important to withdraw the old bill to come up with a contemporary and modern legal framework to tackle the challenges of coping with the rapidly changing technology.