

25th August, 2015

To,

The Director
Department of Biotechnology
Ministry of Science & Technology,
Government of India,
R. No. 713, Block 2,
C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi – 110003

The Centre for Internet and Society ("CIS") is pleased to submit clause-by-clause comments on the Human DNA Profiling Bill Draft that was circulated by the Department of Biotechnology on 9 June, 2015.

CIS has been involved in the development of the Human DNA Profiling Bill since 2012 as a member of the Expert Committee for DNA Profiling constituted by the Department of Biotechnology 2012. Since then, CIS has taken part in various discussions and has made detailed submissions including recommendations for the functions of the boards, offences for which DNA can be collected, and general research on the Bill. We had also asked that the Bill be brought in line with the national privacy principles established by the Report of the Group of Experts on Privacy submitted to the Planning Commission in 2012.

CIS is deeply grateful for the opportunity to present this submission on the latest draft, and reiterates its commitment to supporting the Committee with any further clarification, question, or other requirement it may have.

Thank you for your time.

Best wishes,

Sunil Abraham

Executive Director

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