

Bill for data protection sought

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BANGALORE, DHNS: The Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs S Suresh Kumar on Friday urged the Central government to convert 'Personal Data Protection Bill' into Act to ensure protection of personal data.

He was speaking after inaugurating a national-level seminar on 'Privacy Rights and Data Protection in Cyber Space' organised by KLE Society's

Law College. The minister said European Union countries and the United States have mandated that in order to transfer any data from their countries to India for processing in BPOs, there should be a strong data protection law in India. Moreover, there is a chance for miscreants to hack the personal data to fulfill their personal agenda. Hence, the Central government should immediately convert the bill into Act, he suggested.

"Need of the hour is to make the business world feel secure when they carry out transactions electronically. Businessmen's interests should be protected from those indulging in cyber crimes. It is high time India had a privacy protection Act."

Karnataka Institute for Law and Parliamentary Reform, Bangalore, Director G Dakshina Moorthy and the Law College principal JM Mallikarjunaiah also spoke.