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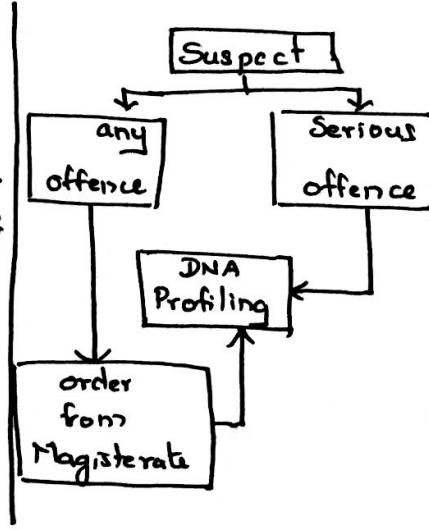
Important Safeguards and a Cost-benefit analysis are still lacking in the DNA technology (use and Application) Regulation Bill, 2018. Discuss

Protecting innocent people's privacy and civil liberties and rights are the main concerns of DNA technology (use and Application) Regulation Bill, 2018. In this regard the bill fails to place certain Safeguards to ensure privacy of people.

The Bill proposes to setup a DNA Regulatory Board which is too powerful and has less transparent. This makes them less accountable to the public. The bill also lacks in the need to restrict DNA profiling so that it uses only non coded DNA.

The bill as proposed may lead to misinterpretation of data, knowing planting a DNA at Crime Scene and Error in Analyses. The collected data may also be illegally used by Data mining companies.

The bill allows to collect DNA from two categories of persons as shown in the flowchart. And the bill allows destruction of individuals DNA or removal from record but it is not automatic. It lacks privacy or data protection.



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In respect of financial expenses the bill estimates are Rs. 20 crore for the purpose of setting up of databank and RS. 5 crore for maintenance of the same. Thus it also lacks in cost control measures.

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DNA profiling has immense scope for ensuring quick and effective Justice to people and it can be a boon if strong and effective safeguards are present against misuse.

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