

U.P.S.C.

Q. The government needs to upgrade its thinking on privacy before seeking to control digital applications. Do you agree with its view? Comment.

Ans → The govt has drafted Telecommu-
-nication Bill, under which, Netflix,
Zoom, WhatsApp etc. will be considered
under telecom services.

The mandates of Bill go against the
basic premise of Privacy as observed
in K.S Puttaswami v/s Union of India under
Article 19

Though, it is progressive step but
it predate the enactment of Data
Protection Bill as prescribed by
B.N Srikrishna Committee.

The government has to enact the
Data Protection Bill in line with

U.P.S.C.

European Union's General Data Protection Bill (GDPR), including Right to be forgotten by harmonising provisions of B.N. Shrivastava Committee

The provision of Bill must be harmonised and synchronised with Data Protection Bill to ensure privacy of the citizen.

An amenable Telecommunication bill with Privacy would be in favour ^{not only} of citizens but also foster Coopera
- tive federalism: by replacing the Telegraph Act 1885.