

DPDP ACT COMMENCEMENT NOTIFICATION

G.S.R. 843(E) — Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Date: 13th November, 2025

Gazette: Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i)

Subject: Partial commencement of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023

FULL TEXT OF NOTIFICATION

MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 13th November, 2025

G.S.R. 843(E). — In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 1 of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 (22 of 2023), the Central Government hereby appoints the 13th day of November, 2025 as the date on which the following provisions of the said Act shall come into force, namely:—

- (i) sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17;
- (ii) sections 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33;
- (iii) sections 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44; and
- (iv) the Schedule.

[F. No. 4(11)/2023-DPDP]

S. KRISHNAN, Secretary to the Govt. of India

KEY INTERPRETATION

This notification brings **all sections** of the DPDP Act into force on **13 November 2025**, including:

- **Chapter I** (Sections 1–3): Preliminary provisions, application of Act
 - **Chapter II** (Sections 4–10): Obligations of Data Fiduciaries
 - **Chapter III** (Sections 11–15): Rights and duties of Data Principals
 - **Chapter IV** (Sections 16–17): Special provisions, exemptions
 - **Chapter V** (Sections 18–26): Data Protection Board of India
 - **Chapter VI** (Sections 27–28): Powers, functions and procedure of Board
 - **Chapter VII** (Sections 29–32): Appeal and alternate dispute resolution
 - **Chapter VIII** (Section 33): Penalties and adjudication
 - **Chapter IX** (Sections 34–44): Miscellaneous
 - **The Schedule:** Penalty amounts
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RELATIONSHIP WITH DPDP RULES 2025

While the Act is in force from 13 November 2025, the **compliance obligations on Data Fiduciaries become enforceable only as the corresponding Rules come into force:**

Obligation	Rules	Effective Date
Board establishment & governance	Rules 17–21	13 Nov 2025 (immediate)
Consent Manager registration	Rule 4	13 Nov 2026 (1 year)
Notice requirements	Rule 3	13 May 2027 (18 months)
Data Fiduciary compliance obligations	Rules 5–16, 22–23	13 May 2027 (18 months)

Hard Compliance Deadline: 13 May 2027

SIGNIFICANCE

This notification marks the official “go-live” of the DPDP framework in India:

1. The Data Protection Board of India (DPBI) is legally constituted from this date
2. Companies have 18 months (until May 2027) to implement full compliance
3. The penalty provisions of the Act (up to INR 250 crore) become applicable from May 2027
4. This is the reference date for all timeline calculations in the Rules