

F. No. 2(1)/2026-Pers.I
Government of India
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO Complex,
New Delhi-110003
(Personnel-I Section)

Dated: 6.5.2026

To

1. Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments of Government of India
2. Chief Secretaries of all the States and Union Territories
3. All Attached/ Subordinate Offices/ Autonomous Bodies of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Subject: Appointment to the post of Chairperson and Other Members in the Data Protection Board of India (DPBI) — regarding.

Sir/Madam,

The Government of India, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), has established the Data Protection Board of India (DPBI) under Section 18 of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 (22 of 2023). The Board has been established as a body corporate with the mandate to function as an independent adjudicatory authority for the effective enforcement of the provisions of the Act. The DPBI is envisaged as a digital-by-design institution, aligned with the Government's objective of ensuring efficient, transparent, and technology-enabled governance. It is empowered to inquire into personal data breaches and instances of non-compliance, issue appropriate directions for mitigation and remediation, and impose monetary penalties, in accordance with the provisions of the DPDP Act and the DPDP rules 2025 framed thereunder. The Board, as envisaged under the Act, will consist of a Chairperson and other Members.

2. In pursuance of the above and for preparing a panel of names to be considered by a Search-cum-Selection Committee (SCSC), applications are invited for the following statutory offices:

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| (i) | Chairperson | : | 01 Post |
| (ii) | Member | : | 04 Posts |

3. **Citizenship:** Candidates must be citizens of India

4. **Essential Educational qualifications:** Candidates must possess at least a Bachelor's degree from a recognised university.

5. **Domain Knowledge:** Candidates must possess a minimum of five (5) years of special knowledge or professional experience in the fields of data governance, administration or implementation of laws related to social or consumer protection, dispute resolution, information and communication technology, digital economy, law, regulation or techno-regulation, or in any other field which in the opinion of the Central Government may be useful to the Board.

6. **Age Limit and Tenure:** The minimum age for applying for the post is 55 years as on the closing date of submission of applications. The tenure of the post is for a term not exceeding two (2) years or till the age of sixty-five (65) years, whichever is earlier.

7. **Essential Experience:**

7.1 **Chairperson:** The Chairperson shall be a person of ability, integrity, and standing, having held a post equivalent to Additional Secretary to the Government of India or above; or having held a position not less than one level below the head of:

- (i) an academic, policy, or research institution of repute; or
- (ii) a body corporate with a paid-up capital of ₹100 crore or turnover of ₹500 crore.

7.2 **Member:** Members shall be persons of ability, integrity, and standing, having held a post equivalent to Joint Secretary to the Government of India or above; or having held a position not less than two levels below the head of:

- (i) an academic, policy, or research institution of repute; or
- (ii) a body corporate with a paid-up capital of ₹100 crore or turnover of ₹500 crore.

Note: At least one among the Members shall be an expert in the field of law.

8. **Terms and Conditions of Service:** The Salary, Allowances and other terms & conditions of service shall be governed by the DPDP Act, 2023 and the Fifth Schedule of the DPDP Rules, 2025. The Chairperson and Members shall be entitled to a consolidated monthly salary of ₹4,50,000 and ₹4,00,000 respectively without the facility of house and car. The consolidated salary would be subject to deductions of pension or any other retirement benefits which the candidate is entitled to.

8.1 The Chairperson and Members shall be entitled to Traveling Allowance and LTC as applicable to an officer of the Central Government in Pay Matrix Level 17 (Chairperson) and Level 15 (Member). After demitting office, they shall not accept any employment for a period of one year without the prior approval of the Central Government. The Chairperson and Members shall be deemed to be public servants.

9. **Disqualifications:** A person shall be disqualified if she/he has been adjudged an insolvent, convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude, become physically or mentally incapable, acquired prejudicial financial interests, or abused her position.

10. **Application Procedure:** Interested and eligible persons are requested to send their application in the prescribed proforma (copy enclosed), along with relevant certified copies of required documents through proper channel such that it reaches on or before the last day at the following address:

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Deputy Secretary (Pers.),
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology,
Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO Complex,
New Delhi-110003.
E-mail: p.victor@meity.gov.in

10.1 A separate Application Form, along with relevant certified copies of required documents must be submitted through proper channel for applying for more than one post.


11. **Last date:** The last date for receipt of applications is 30 days from the date of publication of an advertisement in this regard in the Employment News. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Applicants already in service should send their application through their Cadre Controlling Authority. An advance copy may be sent directly; however, the application shall not be considered in the absence of official recommendation and clearances. Incomplete applications shall not be considered.

12. The Competent Authority reserves the right to reject any or all applications received for the office of Chairperson or Member, DPBI without assigning any reason.

13. Names of willing and eligible officers may be recommended along with cadre clearance, vigilance clearance, copies of ACR dossiers certified for the last five years, details of debarment, if any, etc., on or before the last date for receipt of applications.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above


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PROFORMA

**APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF CHAIRPERSON / MEMBER,
DATA PROTECTION BOARD OF INDIA (DPBI)**

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1	Name of the post applied for (Chairperson / Member)	
2	Name of the applicant (in BLOCK LETTERS)	
3	Father's/Husband's Name	
4	Address for correspondence	
5	Gender	
6	Email ID	
7	Mobile Number	
8	Date of Birth	
9	Whether belongs to SC/ST/OBC/PwD	
10	Date of entry into service	
12	Date of retirement under Central/ State Government Rules	
13	Educational Qualifications	
14	Domain experience <i>Enclose a separate sheet duly authenticated by your signature, if the space below is insufficient</i>	
15	Please state clearly whether in the light of entries made by you above, you meet the requisite Essential Qualifications and Domain experience of the post.	

16	Details of employment in chronological order. Enclose a separate sheet duly authenticated by your signature, if the space below is insufficient.					
SNo	Office/ Organisation	Post held	From	To	Scale of pay	Nature of duties
17	Nature of present employment i.e. Ad hoc or temporary or Permanent or Contract					
18	Equivalency of the present post (State if equivalent to Additional Secretary or Joint Secretary)					
19	If selected, expected time required for joining the DPBI					
20	Additional information, if any					

I hereby declare that all statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that in the event of any information being found suppressed, false, or incorrect, or ineligibility being detected before or after the selection, my candidature/appointment is liable to be cancelled

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the Candidate)

CERTIFICATE BY THE EMPLOYER/CADRE CONTROLLING AUTHORITY

The information/ details provided in the above application by the applicant are true and correct as per the facts available on the record. He/ she possess the qualification and experience mentioned in the vacancy circular. If selected, he/she will be relieved immediately.

2. Also certified that

- i. There is no vigilance/ disciplinary case pending/contemplated against Shri/ Smt/ Kum. _____ .
- ii. His/her integrity is certified.
- iii. His/her CR dossier in original/ photocopies of the APAR/ACR for the last 5 years duly authenticated by an officer of the rank of Under Secretary to the Government of India or above are enclosed.
- iv. No major/ minor penalty has been imposed on him/her during the last 10 years or a list of major minor penalties imposed on him/her during last 10 years is enclosed (as the case may be).

Signature :

Name & Designation of the issuing authority :

Date :

Place :