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To,
The Chief Justice Of India
Supreme Court Of India,
Tilak Marg, New Delhi. 110001

Subject : Delete The Data Collected By The Aarogya Setu App

Respected Your Lordships,

The Aarogya Setu, a contact tracing app that the government of India pushed as an essential tool in the fight against the Corona Virus was claimed to be developed by the National Informatics Centre and the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology. The National Informatics Centre, which designs government websites, has said that it has no information about 'who' has created the Aarogya Setu app and 'how' it has been created and both NIC and the IT Ministry has denied to reply to the Right to Information queries in reference to the creation of the Aarogya Setu App.

It is pertinent to note that since March 2020 the Aarogya Setu App has been actively collecting huge amount of data under the veil of contact tracing to help fight against the Covid-19 pandemic. The Aarogya Setu app has merely acted as a tool for sophisticated surveillance and has collected information from more than 16.23 crore users including people from defence services, government officials, Judges and common man, as it was made mandatory for all those working in various government departments and those travelling from one part of the country to another.

The Aarogya Setu App has completely failed its purpose of contact tracing as India is today at the number two position in the world with a total of more than 7.99 million Covid-19 positive cases. Making Aarogya Setu App app mandatory has not served any purpose, instead it has accumulated a huge data base about personal information without being subjected to any data protection laws.

In the light of the above information, I would request this Hon'ble Court to take Suo-Moto cognisance of the matter and direct the Ministry of Information technology to file an affidavit in Court giving details of the data collected vide the Aarogya Setu App and further direct deletion of data collected by the app.

I am hopeful that my request will meet your positive consideration. I bow before your lordships.

Regards
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