



Lok Sabha passes DNA technology Bill

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Lok Sabha passes DNA technology Bill-It allows regulated use of genetic information to establish identity of persons

- The Lok Sabha passed a bill that allows regulated use of DNA technology to establish the identity of certain defined categories of persons, including offenders, suspects, and undertrials.
- The DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill allows the use of the technology to establish the identity of persons in matters of crime, parentage dispute, emigration or immigration and transplantation of human organs.
- The Bill provides for establishment of national and regional DNA data banks and each data will maintain the indices, including crime scene index, suspects' or undertrials' index and offenders' index.
- The Bill was a good step in the criminal justice system but cautioned about a possible scenario where it could be misused by investigative agencies while collecting DNA samples.

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