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The Free Software Movement of India expresses deep concern over sections of the Ministry of Home Affairs order dated May 1 with regard to the Aarogya Setu app. The order mandates 100% use of the app in containment zones and the use of the app in all workplaces where restrictions are being eased. The app which was initially voluntary has now been made mandatory despite concerns of both efficiency and privacy.

The key problem with the app is it that it can be used for surveillance not just for Covid-19 tracking but also for all other activities. a citizen can do: who he/she meets, where a person goes, and what meetings that they participate in. That this is under the Ministry of Home Affairs and not Ministry of Health and Family Welfare gives it an added cause for concern. There should also be the provision that once the Covid-19 emergency is over, the data should be deleted and not kept with the government.

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