Right to be forgotten proposed in the data protection bill poses a severe threat to Right to information and right to privacy.

The draft data protection bill 2018 proposed by justice B N Srikrishna proposes the data which are old, irrelevant and unnecessary information links to be removed from social media sites. This can be justified in cases involving private individuals but doesnot provide enough safeguard to press and media to publish information involving public officials. Section 73,74,75 proposes heavy imposition of fines for any individual, media outlet non-conforming to the provisions of the bill.

The draft bill provides for the setting up of a data protection agency(DPA), which is to be an independent regulatory body to implement and adjudicate cases involving the proposed data protection law. And the DPA supersedes the CIC (Central information commission). Thus, RTI is thrown out of the equation and outside the purview of the proposed bill. There is a possibility of a powerful public official pressurizing the adjudicator( who is a bureaucrat) for favorable adjudication.

Thus, the need of the hour is to carry out extensive deliberations between law-makers, judiciary and stakeholders including the citizens, media to look into the recommendations and constitutionality of the provisions in conformity with the article 21 of the Constitution.