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# **Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Bill**

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**Bill No. 10/2019.**

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## **PROTECTION FROM ONLINE FALSEHOODS AND MANIPULATION ACT 2019**

**(No.    of 2019)**

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