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Q15

If amendment bill to the Whistleblowers Protection Act 2011 tabled in the Parliament is passed, there maybe no on left to protect. Critically Evaluate.

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Whistle Blowers Protection Act, 2011

Passed by Parliament in 2014; provides for disclosure to a competent authority and protection against victimisation of the complainant.

Amendment Bill, 2015

Sought to exclude disclosures affecting sovereignty, security, Cabinet papers, commercial confidence and matters hit by the **Official Secrets Act**.

Satyendra Dubey (2003)

NHAI engineer murdered after reporting corruption on a highway project; a political origin of the demand for a whistle-blower law.

RTI Act section 8

Lists exemptions from disclosure; the 2015 bill borrowed that list without a clear, strong public-interest override for whistle-blowing.

Official Secrets Act, 1923

Colonial statute punishing unauthorised communication of official information; a poor filter for a modern anti-corruption disclosure law.

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