

Report on Implementation of Information and Communication Technology

1. Establishment of E-court: At present, no e-Court has been established at the Allahabad High Court. However, steps has been taken towards establishment of the e-Courts at the Allahabad High Court and as a first step towards establishment of it, facility of e-stamping at the Allahabad High Court will start shortly. The e-Stamping rules have been notified by the State Government.

3. Uniform Nomenclature: A Sub-Committee has been constituted at the Allahabad High Court, to deal with uniform nomenclature. The sub-Committee has prepared a list of all the nomenclatures at Allahabad and the Lucknow Bench. The details alongwith list of nomenclature is annexed separately for reference.

4. Cadre of Technical Manpower: The details of the post, sanctioned strength etc. alongwith their pay scale of the technical manpower at the Allahabad High Court ans its Bench at Lucknow are given as under in tabular format:

Sl.No.	Designation	Pay Scale	No. of Post
1	Systems Manager	37400 – 67000 Grade pay - 8700	3
2	Senior Systems Analyst	15600 – 39100 Grade pay - 7600	3
3	Systems Analyst	15600 – 39100 Grade pay - 6600	4
4	Programmer Grade - I	15600 – 39100 Grade pay - 5400	4
5	Programmer Grade - II	9300 – 34800 Grade pay - 4600	6
6	Computer Operator Grade - C	9300 – 34800 Grade pay - 4200	8
7	Computer Operator Grade - B	5200 – 20200 Grade pay - 2800	9

5. Video Conferencing: At present Video Conferencing facility is available at 51 District Courts, 51 District Jails, in 10 District Courts and 15 District Jails construction of Video Conferencing room have been completed and in 12 District Courts and 2 District Jails the construction of Video Conferencing Room are under construction. In 2 District Courts the land is not available till date for construction of Video Conferencing room.

A total of 4,17,329 prisoners have been remanded through Video Conferencing.

6. Digitization of court records: One Crore decided case files containing approx. 50 crore pages, are to be digitized in one year. Centre for Information Technology Building (7,943.44 Sq. Mtr.) has been established for the scanning and digitization work.

Process involved: The Document Tracking includes Bundle Creation, Handing Over/ Taking, record entry, Receipt, 36 Metadata Entry, QC, verification, Creation of Digitally signed/ Water Marked PDF/A, Storing of digitized data in PDF/ A format over Servers/ Data Center of case files. MIS (Management Information System) based report generation, Online based Searching/ retrieval of digitized case files, Content Management System (CMS)/ Document Management System (DMS) has been developed using open source based technology (Java, Postgresql) with Architectural details, Software Security and Access Control Parameters, Storage of digitized Case files, Searching/ retrieval of digitized case files, Role based user management, MIS Reports etc.

The Allahabad High Court is doing verification of Digitized files in two steps. At first verification of Image quality, meta data etc. is being done by the staff of the firm doing digitization work at Allahabad High Court and in second step the same is being done by the staff of the High Court.

At present Allahabad High Court is doing digitization of decided case files.

Digital signature of officers on the rank of Deputy Registrar level of Allahabad High Court is being used on digitized case files for the authentication purpose.

In regard for security of digitized data, Java based encryption technology is being used to store the digitization data on the server. The data can only be retrieved/decrypted through CMS/DMS developed at the Allahabad High Court to manage the digitized data online.

9. Citizen Centric Services have been started by Allahabad High Court was details are as follows.

Online availability of Fresh and daily Cause List of cases: The list of all the fresh and listed cases containing the information relating to a case is published on day to day basis on the website.

Online Judgment and Copying System: The software contains several modules to facilitate typing and publication of judgments online and issuance of authenticated copies of judgments to litigants and lawyers

Court wise Case Running Information System: Case info being taken up in a Court room is displayed to the lawyers/ litigants through official website and several Digital Display Boards installed at vantage points. SMS's and emails are also being sent to

stakeholders.

Case Information Kiosk: 2 Kiosk machines have been installed to provide information relating to status of cases.

Online Case Status Enquiry System: The litigants/ counsel may get information relating to the status of cases from the website.

Computerized Case Information Counter: Case related information are available at these counters on a nominal fee.

Data Centre: Establishment of State-of-the-art Data Center with Disaster recovery sites is in process for hosting of entire data of the Court. Tender document has been finalized in consultation with NIC

Wi-fi: The entire campus of Allahabad High Court would be made wi-fi. Requisite steps have been initiated.

10. SMS delivery services:

Digital display board system has been implemented to provide the current running status of cases in court room. The same also available on the Allahabad High Court's website as a court view system. The SMS services has been integrated in this system to provide information regarding current status of the case to stakeholders. However facility of SMS based e-causelist has been provided to counsels on the subscription basis. The Allahabad High Court has engaged a firm to provide the services. The SMS facility has been stated from /in year 2010 and e-causelist in the mid of year 2014.

Reply To The Questionnaire In Respect of Information Required For Implementation Of Information And Communication Technology Under Resolution 6 (iii) Of C J Conference, 2016

Q.1 Number of E Courts established under your High Court, Elaborate the process and functions of e court.

Ans.1 No e-Courts have been established in the District Courts subordinate to the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad.

Q.2 Mention the data and categories that are uploaded in the NJDG. Specify the problems encountered during updation on National Judicial Data Grid for High Court and subordinate courts. The solutions/remedial action if any taken by your Court.

Ans.2 Data from various District Courts across the Uttar Pradesh fed on Case Information System (CIS) is being uploaded and updated on NJDG on **day to day basis** through Lease

Line and VPNoBB networks. Uploaded data shows case pendency broken into Civil and Criminal Cases segregated into following categories :

- (a) Up to 02 years, pending cases.
- (b) Between 02 to 05 years, pending cases.
- (c) Between 05 to 10 years, pending cases.
- (d) More than 10 years, pending cases.
- (e) Court wise information about institution and disposal of last month
- (f) The cases filed by the senior citizens and women.
- (g) Undated Cases
- (h) Pending cases District wise and Court wise

Major problems encountered during updation of NJDG for Subordinate Courts are related to local connectivity issues of Lease Line and VPNoBB.

The solutions/remedial action if any taken by Court :

Problem immediately reported to the BSNL and HCL for rectification. Meetings are held with BSNL & HCL to resolve the problems. Unavailability of Funds for connectivity is a major issue. Fund has been demanded from State Government.

Q.3 Specify the process for adopting , if any , for uniform nomenclature of case type used in your state.

Ans.3 Report has been sent to Hon'ble e-Committee where the matter of uniform nomenclature is being dealt with. Further instruction is awaited.

Q.4 Enumerate the strength of Technical manpower in the High Court and Subordinate courts. Specify the procedure for recruitment and training programme, if any, to the new recruits.

Ans.4 There are 59 System Officers and 47 System Assistants working on contractual basis in the District Courts of Uttar Pradesh. They were recruited through impaneled agency and Computerisation Committee. No other recruitment has been done since then. No training has been provided to these contractual technical staff till now.

Q.5 Mention the procedure for e-filing and the rules governing it. Enumerate the type of activities/process done through video conferencing.

Ans.5 There is no procedure established for e-Filing in the District Courts of Uttar Pradesh nor there is any rule in this respect. Remands are being done through video conferencing between Jail and Court.

Q.6 Specify the procedure for scanning and digitization at different levels. Also provide digitization rules and process of verification if any. The different levels may also include: Scanning for fresh filing, scanning for pending files, scanning for daily disposal of cases and scanning of old cases.

Ans.6 Scanning and digitization of District Courts records has not been started till now. Budget is being demanded under 14th Finance Commission for starting scanning and digitization of the decided cases of District Courts.

Q.7 Whether the digital signature is in use by your court? If yes, then specify the process and its utility.

Ans.7 Digital signature is not in use in the District Courts of Uttar Pradesh.

Q.8 Whether there is any security for preservation of data scanned and uploaded? If yes, then specify the procedure through which it gets affected.

Ans.8 Uploading of scanned data has not yet started in the District Courts of Uttar Pradesh. Fund for scanning and digitization has been demanded and the same is awaited.

Q.9 Which Citizen Centric Services have been started by your High Court?

Ans.9 On an average 11.38 citizen centric services are running namely filing at Judicial services center, Scrutiny objections, Push SMS services, Judgment Order uploading, Cause lists and Case status on internet, Daily orders on internet through websites of District Courts.

Q.10 Has the SMS Delivery System been launched? If Yes, since when?

Ans.10 Yes, SMS delivery System has been launched in 63 District Courts of Uttar Pradesh. It has been started from May 2014 through SMS Module developed by NIC.

Q.11 What are the data presently being uploaded on NJDG Portal? What is the time frame for uploading the material?

Ans.11 Data from various District Courts across the Uttar Pradesh fed on Case Information System (CIS) is being uploaded and updated on NJDG on **day to day basis** through Lease Line and VPNoBB networks. Uploaded data shows case pendency broken into Civil and Criminal Cases segregated into following categories :

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Q.12 Is the District Court website functional? Specify its utility to the stakeholders.

Ans.12 Yes, the District Court website is functional. Online availability of all judicial information like cause-lists, case status, daily orders and judgments of all the Courts, is one of the foremost objectives of the eCourt Mission Mode Project. The web links of such information is supposed to be available on a single national web-portal **i.e. ecourts.gov.in** apart from the respective individual websites of High Courts. Now all the district of Uttar Pradesh have DRUPAL based websites and latest information like details of Judicial officers, notices, circulars etc. is available on District Court website.