

National Judicial Academy

Information Required for Implementation of Information and Communication Technology under Resolution 6 (iii) of the Chief Justice Conference 2016.

I. Establishment of E courts.

Q1. Number of E courts established under your High Court. Elaborate the process and functions of e courts.

On 17-7-2016, Hon'ble Sri Justice Madan B.Lokur, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Judge-Incharge, eCommittee, Supreme Court of India has inaugurated the first ever e-Court (Paperless Court) in the High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad for the State of Telangana and the State of Andhra Pradesh, with the able assistance of the NIC experts deputed to the High Court.

The concept of e-Court involves more usage of electronic paper in the Court Hall and dispensing with the movement of case records, which consumes time and manpower. This is a precursor to e-filing process which is in the near offing.

The e-Court process involves the scanning of the case records by book marking the files and transmitting the digitized records to the court Hall electronically. There will be an electronic causelist before the Hon'ble Judge, which will synchronize with the electronic case records available in the Database. The electronic files will be opened in the Monitor placed before the Hon'ble Judge and the Hon'ble Judge will access the files on the Monitor and make digital notings. Provision is also made to record the dictation of the judgment into the Computer which can be subsequently used by the Stenographer for transcription.

By using the e-Cause List, the Court Display Board will be automatically updated without any manual entry and the SMS alerts to the concerned advocates will be automatically sent.

II. Updation on National Judicial Data Grid

Q2. 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.

Currently the Subordinate Court complexes are uploading the entire CIS database to the NJDG server.

There are several issues with regard to connectivity and the availability of NJDG server. Frequently the VPNoBB connectivity provided to the subordinate Courts are getting disconnected and sometimes the IP addresses of VPNoBB connections are being changed without intimation to the High Court/Subordinate Courts, due to which data could not be uploaded to the NJDG server, and the NIC had to be requested for making changes in the firewall. The High Court is unable to identify the above issues without the intervention of BSNL or NIC since no such facility is provided to the High Court. Most of the technical issues are unknown to the staff of the subordinate courts as no mechanism is evolved to diagnose the correct issue. Occasionally the NJDG server is becoming non- functional and the users are unable to connect to the NJDG server for uploading the data.

On periodical intervals the High Court is conducting meetings with the BSNL and the NIC.

III. Uniform nomenclature

Q3. Specify the process for adopting, if any, for uniform nomenclature of case type used in your State.

NA

IV. Cadre of Technical Manpower

Q4. 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.

Under e-Courts project Phase-I, the High Court/Subordinate Courts have been provided with Technical Manpower through NIC i.e. one Senior System Officer, One System Officer and Two System Assistants for the High Court and one System Officer & two System Assistants each for the Districts.

At present the High Court is inviting applications for recruiting the vacant posts of technical personnel as above by publishing the notification in the official website of the High Court and the candidates are being selected by a committee consisting of Central Project Coordinator of the High Court, NIC official and the Director of IIT or his nominee through a formal interview.

After the recruitment of new technical manpower the NIC is providing necessary basic training to the new recruits.

V. E-Filing and Video Conferencing

Q5. Mention the procedure for e- filing and the rules governing it. Enumerate the type of activities/process done through video conferencing.

In the High Court presently there is no e-filing facility.

All the District Judges are provided with Vidyo User IDs for attending the Video Conferences conducted by the High Court.

Currently the Video Conference equipment provided under e-Courts project and the Prisons Department are put to use to examine the under trial prisoners.

VI. Scanning and Digitization

Q6. Specify the procedure for scanning and digitization at different levels. Also provide the 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.

So, far High Court has not yet digitized the case records by scanning the case files. The High Court has taken the initiation to digitize the case records and published the tender notification and processing the offers received.

Q7. Whether the digital signature is in use by your court? If yes, then specify the process and its utility.

No.

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

Not applicable

Q9. Which Citizen Centric Services have been started by your High Court?

1. Central filing Counters.
2. SMS alerts for informing the filing, return and registration status of the cases filed, and also case hearing status in the Court Halls.
3. Information KIOSKS.
4. Display boards.
5. Case Status information on website.
6. Mobile Applications on Android, IOS and Windows Platforms for knowing the case status information, causelist information, judgment information and case hearing status information.
7. Personalized cause list information to the Advocates.

Q8. Has the SMS Delivery Service been launched? If Yes, since when?

Yes.

The High Court has started delivering the SMS services to the Advocates since August,2015.


Q9. What are the data presently being uploaded on NJDG Portal? What is the time frame for uploading the material?

The entire CIS database is being uploaded to the NJDG portal.

Daily in the evening the subordinate Courts are uploading the entire CIS data to NJDG where NC CIS 1.1 software is functioning. In National Core CIS 2.0 a facility is provided to upload the data to the NJDG on a real time basis. NC CIS 2.0 is yet to be installed in the subordinate Courts.

Q. 10. Is the District Court Website functional? Specify its utility to the stakeholders.

All the Judicial Units were provided with Drupal based District Court websites by the Hon'ble e-Committee and they are functional. The case status information, judgement and causelist information is being provided to the stakeholders. Further, Judicial Officers' information, Tender notifications, Circulars, History, Calendar, Territorial Jurisdiction, Rules and Regulations, latest announcements are also made available, through the said websites.


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