

# 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**

**Ans 1:** There are 21 District Courts and 64 Sub-divisional Courts in West Bengal and 1 District Court and 3 Sub-divisional Courts in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, established as e-Courts under the High Court at Calcutta.

The objective of the e-Court is to provide efficient and time-bound citizen centric services delivery to the lawyers and litigants.

At Present, 22 District Courts and 64 Sub-divisional Courts including (district court at Port Blair in Andaman & Nicobar Islands) are provided with the hardware and LAN connectivity. All the cases in these courts are filed electronically through Case Information System Software (CIS). Daily Proceeding, Uploading of Judgment and Orders are done through CIS application.

Each District court has its own website through which any litigant and lawyers can get information regarding cases such as, case status and copies of the orders/Judgments whenever necessary.

At Present the following Citizen Centric Services are provided:-

1. Filing at Judicial Service Center and generation of receipt containing filing number.
2. Judgment on Internet website with search facility.
3. Cause-list on Internet with searchable fields.
4. Case Status on internet.
5. Daily orders on internet.
6. Website for each District court.

## **II. Updation on National Judicial Data Grid**

**Ans 2:** The Data of the daily proceedings and the copies of the orders and Judgments from the local servers of the District and Subordinate Courts are uploaded to the NJDG server at the end of day. The District Courts are provided with BSNL leased line and the Sub-divisional Courts are provided with VPNoBB connectivity for transferring data to the NJDG server. We face lot of challenges while transferring data through VPNoBB connectivity. There are frequent connectivity problems from the BSNL end and also the connectivity is not stable in most of the locations. It takes lot of time to upload data through VPNoBB in the sub-divisional courts.

## **III. Uniform nomenclature**

**Ans 3:** The process for adopting unified nomenclature of case types has not been started in the State of West Bengal.

#### **IV. Cadre of Technical Manpower**

**Ans 4:** There are 13 System Officers and 16 System Assistants working in the District and Subordinate Courts. No, new recruitment of technical manpower has yet been done by the High Court.

#### **V. E-Filing and Video Conferencing**

**Ans 5:** As of now, e-filing has not been implemented yet in the High Court as well as in the District and Sub-divisional Courts.

As per direction of the e-Committee, Supreme Court of India, 20 District Courts and 19 Correctional Homes are provided with videoconferencing facility. The videoconferencing between jail and court is functional and successfully running in the districts namely: -

1. Burdwan;
2. Murshidabad;
3. North 24 Parganas;
4. Uttar Dinajpur;
5. Paschim Medinipur;
6. Coochbehar;
7. Bankura;
8. Birbhum;
9. Howrah;
10. South 24 Parganas;

In rest of the districts, it is likely to get functional shortly.

#### **VI. Scanning and Digitization**

**Ans 6:** The process of scanning and Digitization is under consideration of the Hon'ble High Court. Tender, in this regard, has been published. Bids have been submitted by a number of companies. Selection of agency is under process.

**Ans 7:** No

**Ans8:** No

**Ans 9:** Besides the District and Subordinate Courts, the High Court at Calcutta is also providing the following citizen centric service, that is to say:

- i. Filing at Judicial Service Center and generation of receipt containing filing number.
- ii. Judgment on Internet website with search facility.
- iii. Cause-list on Internet with searchable fields.
- iv. Case Status on internet.
- v. Daily orders on internet.
- vi. Website for each District court.
- vii. Android Apps. for digital display board
- viii. Android Apps. for cause list.

**Ans 10:** SMS delivery Service had been launched in the District and Subordinate Courts in the year 2015.

**Ans 11:** Data of daily proceedings, daily orders and Judgments are presently being uploaded to the NJDG server from the server of District

and Subordinate Courts. In District Courts having leased line, it takes approximately 15 to 20 minutes to upload data but in sub-divisional courts having VPNoBB connectivity it takes more than an hour.

Recently, continuous failure of data uploading through VPNoBB has been noticed. Steps are on to resolve the issues.

**Ans 12:** Yes, each District court has its own website. Judges on leave information, cause list, case status, court orders, Different circulars and notices, recruitment advertisement and results, list of police stations with concerned courts, information regarding pecuniary and territorial jurisdiction of courts are available in the website. Stake holders are getting required information directly from the website.