

Brief Report on
Interactive Session on “National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)” conducted
at CPMU NeVA for Rajya Sabha Secretariat
On 8th April, 2019



An interactive session on National eVidhan Application (NeVA) was organized by CPMU (Central Project Monitoring Unit) of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (MoPA) under the chair of Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, for the various officials of Rajya Sabha on 9th April, 2019 in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament Annexe, New Delhi from 11.00 A.M to 5.P.M. to orient them towards the adoption of the NeVA application with a full swing and thus begin keying -in their data for the Legislative Business to be carried out during the upcoming sessions.

The session was attended by Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi, Secretary, MoPA, Government of India; Shri Mukul Pande, Additional Secretary, RSS; Shri Rohtas, Joint Secretary, RSS; Shri Jagmohan Sundriyal, Joint Secretary, RSS; Shri Surendra Kumar Tripathi, Joint Secretary, RSS; Dr. Satya Prakash, Joint Secretary, MoPA, Government of India, Shri Shashi Bhushan, Director, RSS; Shri Arun Sharma, Director, RSS; Shri Swarabji B, Director, RSS; Shri Tirlok Nath Pandey, Director, RSS; Shri N.S. Arneja, DDG, NIC, Shri S.K. Sinha, STD, NIC, all other officers/ Branch Heads and staff of Rajya Sabha Secretariat (close to about 60 participants). The Rajya Sabha Secretariat made it a point to involve all the stakeholders in this workshop so as to get understand the various aspects of the application along with the features and modules integrated with the application which adds to its versatility of

NeVA project in a perfect manner. The officials participated in the session with great enthusiasm and showed much inquisitiveness in learning about the core functionality of the application.



Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi, Secretary , MoPA, Government of India and Dr. Satya Prakash Khatana, Joint Secretary, MoPA, Government of India at the outset welcomed all the Rajya Sabha officials present during the session . Joint Secretary, MoPA Secretary, MoPA, to begin with, gave an introduction about the NeVA highlighting its key features along with its background, scope and objectives that distinguish it from the various other projects run by the Government of India under Digital India Programme. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs which is a Nodal Ministry for this project is rolling out e-Vidhan as NeVA, covering all 40 Houses including Legislatures and Parliament with 5374 Members and thereby putting all of them on a single platform and thus proving the theory of ‘One Nation One Application’ true.

The brief introduction giving the outline of NeVA was followed with the detailed presentation by the Secretary, MoPA giving the detailed account of the objectives, merits, action plan, the design of the web application and the mobile application. He also emphasised on the core idea behind the adoption of this application that will outperform various applications developed till date. The participants were informed as to how the digitization, availability and applicability of information could save precious time, money, energy and resources of the Houses and its members and thus increase their efficiency manifold. He reiterated the fact that the central purpose of the application to serve the members will prove to be

worthwhile as far as strengthening of democracy is concerned. This single application has been designed in a way that has the potential to replace the plethora of applications presently running in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat for which a collective and collaborative effort from both the Houses is called for. The Secretary, MoPA, advocated for a collective involvement of both the Houses with the NeVA Team to address all the issues confronting the parliamentary procedures and to make it a successful project.

The inaugural session of the Secretary , MoPA and Joint Secretary, MoPA was followed by the technical sessions moderated by Shri Arpit Tyagi, NeVA Coordinator, Ms Priyanka Barthwal and Shri Sameer Varshney, DBA, Member of NeVA Team, CPMU under MoPA gave a brief of the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA). The first Technical Session, comprised of an overview of the In House Application, Digital in House e-book that would enable the members to access all the information of the House Business on the tablets installed in the House before them. The second Technical session covered comprehensive lectures on the various modules like Master Data, Question Processing, LOB generation, Notice Processing. The two technical sessions were followed by queries session wherein the officials raised multiple interjections concerning the issues confronting them in Secretariat's work. They were also encouraged to come up with the suggestions or further ideas that would help in taking this project to the next orbit. All the issues were addressed by the Joint Secretary, MoPA and the NeVA team. The Joint Secretary urged all the officials to initiate with some of the entries into the application which would eventually help in mainstreaming their rest of the major modules into the app. The two technical sessions were followed by the vote of thanks and the valediction by the Joint Secretary, MoPA wherein he appreciated all the officials for the immense cooperation and active participation in the session and assured them of the continuous support from the CPMU, NeVA Team in the adoption of the application, urging them to work in tandem with the CPMU Team for the success of the project in achieving a big milestone in digital democracy. Thereafter, the participants were felicitated with the certificates of participation by the Joint Secretary as a gesture of appreciation and encouragement.

