NATIONAL EVIDHAN APPLICATION

A Report

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BACKGROUND

Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs while attending meeting of Consultative Committee on Tourism on 10.8.2018 visited Kerala Assembly also and delivered an introductory presentation on National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) to the Committee and State Legislature. He elaborated that NeVA attempts to bring all the legislatures of the country together, at one platform thereby creating a massive data depository without having the complexity of multiple applications, it is required to have a common e-Vidhan framework with local add-on features to bring all the State Legislatures at par. NeVA is a member centric application so as to equip them to handle diverse House Business smartly by putting entire information needed by them in their hand held devices/ tablets and equip all the Branches of Legislatures/ Department to handle it efficiently. This will create benefits in terms of the creation of an efficient, inclusive, zero emission-based database. This data once converted into valuable information will prove in overhauling the way our legislatures work. Digital India is a game changer for our country. It is a powerful tool at the hands of citizens to gain access to meaningful information at tip of their fingers. This initiative will bring democracy closer to our citizens by bringing working of legislatures closer to them. By giving the citizens access to the bills, the question-answers, the documents tabled in the house in an easy manner, NeVA gives an opportunity to the citizens for meaningful engagement with the democracy, thereby taking a strong step in direction of attaining substantive democracy.

The success of this program lies in hands of state implementing agencies. States have shown tremendous enthusiasm in adopting this NeVA portal. Coming together of states will make India stronger and will be a shining example of Cooperative Federalism. States will have to take the lead in these policy interventions. Central Project Monitoring Unit, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs will provide complete technical support in terms of hardware, software and capacity building as well as financial support. A hard working NeVA team is placed to provide all the support and to help on the momentum built.

Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs also briefed about NeVA Mobile App compatible with both Android/iOS based technology. M-NeVA will facilitate Ministers/ Members get the entire House Business including replies, to be laid in the House. CPMU, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

is also developing NeVA Ver2.0 and will be released in due course. For capacity building and training of Members and various levels of officials of House and State Government Departments, a NeVA Seva Kendra (NSK) as e-Learning Centre will be set up at each location. Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs answered questions asked by dignitaries and assured them of the continuous support of CPMU, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in implementing project in Kerala Legislature.

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region-IV organised a conference cum workshop on 22-23 September, 2018 which was inaugurated by Hon'ble **Speaker Lok Sabha, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan**. Workshop was attended by Speakers of Haryana Legislative Assembly (Sh. Kanwar Pal), Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly (Sh. Nirmal Singh), Gujarat Legislative Assembly (Sh. Rajender Trivedi) besides the host State of Himachal Pradesh (Dr. Rajeev Bindal), Legislators and other officers from the region. The basic agendas for discussion were (i) simultaneous elections across India and drug menace. After discussion on these subjects on 22.9.2018 a presentation on NeVA was made by Sh. Surendra Nath Tripathi Secretary, MoPA who was assisted by Dr. Satya Prakash, Joint Secretary, MoPA. While introducing NeVA he was elaborated that this application is based on the principle 'One nation one application". All legislatures will be on a single platform. This application has been developed keeping in

mind the requirements of legislators and dissemination of information to all the stakeholders on real time basis i.e. information given as it happens.

This application is device agonistic which runs on desktop, laptop, iPad and smart phone. Application is ready for use by all legislatures i.e. 40 Houses, 2 House of Parliament, 31 legislative assemblies relating to 29 States and 2 UTs and 7 legislative councils.

This application provides all relevant information like Notices, Bulletins being issued by legislatures from time to time for information of all members and other stakeholders besides contact details, Rules of Procedure, list of business, Starred/Unstarred Questions and Answers, text of Bills for introduction, consideration and passing text of all papers laid, Committee Report, Proceedings of the House, synopsis of proceedings, provisional calendar and rotation of Ministries, News and press releases and reference materials. This application also provides information relating to composition of all Committees including details of Committee meetings, their agendas, information relating to personal claims of Members like Salary and Allowances etc. Live webcasting/TV facility is also available on this application live telecast of Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha TVs, Doordarshan TV has already been enabled with further facility in respect of State Legislatures in the same manner.

List of business is the most important aspect of this application, this is not an ordinary list of business giving details of business to be transacted during the day in a particular House but it is a speaking live list of business and if digital laying of all the papers is allowed and information is fed on the application by the relevant and concerned party this list of business can be created on a mere click and once enabled documents listed in the list of business can be viewed at the source itself for eg. If a legislative proposal i.e. Bill is listed on a day text of that Bill will be available on the list of business itself.

Being a member-centric application, it has so been designed to equip them to handle diverse House Business smartly by putting entire information needed by them in their handheld devices/ tablets and equip all the Branches of Legislatures/ Department to handle it efficiently addressing Day to Day issues and functioning of the House.

On 23.9.2018 again, on the demand of all the participants particularly Speakers of various legislative assemblies, further time was allowed for disclosing features of NeVA and replying to the Questions/Queries from all State Legislatures present there. Accordingly, Secretary, clarified on all the issues raised by participants. During this Session Secretary remarked that a major contribution in the success of NeVA would be from the states, therefore it is very crucial for them to join hands with the centre in an attempt to make realise this dream of making our country digitally empowered, besides promoting cooperative federalism which has to go hand in hand.

Finally, all the dignitaries present there appreciated this initiative and idea, heart and soul and evinced full confidence in it, which is a very positive indication in itself for its future.

A WARM WELCOME

- The idea behind NeVA is two-fold. First is to ensure ease of transaction of business of houses by turning the legislatures paperless. Everything will be done electronically, to ensure smooth and effective functioning. Imagine the amount of resources saved – in terms of carbon footprint as well as manhours.
- Secondly and equally importantly, NeVA wants to bring all the legislatures of this country at one platform. All the data related to the functioning of the legislature from questions asked to the list of business, the documents laid will be available at one place. And this data, will then be converted into Information – valuable insights, which will be available to one and all at one click. Just imagine, all the information about all the legislatures will be available to you in form of one simple app in your phone. The common man will be immensely benefited from this democratization of the information.
- Many states have been working towards this direction of their own. Himachal Pradesh is already the first completely Digital Legislature of the country. Other states are also in various stages of transformation. We applaud your initiative and strive to learn from your experiences. This program is not an attempt to negate your progress. Throughout this program we will keep looking upto you for valuable inputs. The idea behind a uniform platform, with a uniform functionality across all the legislatures is to ensure Effective and Easy Engagement with all the stakeholders in this process. By coming to this platform, you will be sharing experience with all the states, along with access to technology both in-terms of both hardware and software.
- I request you all to look at this as an opportunity to move in direction of achieving the idea of Digital India. This program will be highly beneficial for all of you. It will bring much needed resources and result in modernization of working of legislatures. As far as training of workforce is concerned, this ministry will be providing support both technical and financial. Regular training sessions will be conducted. You will be getting all the support from our side during the course of this journey that we endeavour to embark upon.
- Over the course of these two days, this orientation workshop attempts at bringing all the stakeholders of the process. You will be hearing from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariat, NIC, this Ministry and also from states who have already made some progress in this field of going Digital. I am told that a live Demo will also be done to give a feel of the product. You are requested to ask as many questions as possible and dispel your doubts about it. I urge this because the success of this program is completely in your hands. It is your drive, your passion and your guidance that will be fuelling this change.
- In the build-up to this workshop all of you have worked hard in uploading data. Some states like Punjab, MP, Sikkim have shown spirited performance. I thank them and urge upon all of you to keep working in the direction. It is heartening to see this massive participation from all you. I hope that you will become the advocates of this program in your states back home and will help in making this program a great success. I welcome you all at this inaugural orientation workshop of National e-Vidhan Application – NeVA. Hope you have a pleasant stay……

IN OTHER WORDS, …

- At the onset I would like to thank you for your cooperation in organizing this orientation workshop. I am sure over the last two days, many of your questions have been answered. The sessions held by the dignitaries must have definitely eased your concerns to a great extent. You will receive complete technical support in terms of hardware, software and capacity building as well as financial support from Ministry of Parliament Affairs. A hard working NeVA team is at your disposal. You should use their expertise, their support to build up this momentum. I

- congratulate the states who have already done a considerable work on NeVA and I urge the remaining ones to do the same.

- I will not go into the features of NeVA because I am sure that by now, you must be fairly acquainted with it. I would just like to say that today India is standing at a crucial juncture in its growth trajectory. Decisions of today, initiatives of today will go a long way in shaping our tomorrow. And we need to work towards an India that is at par with global standards of Governance. The cornerstone of that would be meaningful engagement of citizens with the Government. This engagement should easy and effective. This is where this initiative comes into picture. NeVA will bring democracy closer to our citizens by bringing working of legislatures closer to them. By giving the citizens access to the bills, the question-answers, the documents tabled in the house in an easy manner, NeVA will be a strong step in direction of attaining substantive democracy.

- States have a massive role to play in the success of NeVA. Your passion, your commitment to the NeVA will be the driving force behind it. Let this program become shining example of principle of Cooperative Federalism. This program may have originated at the Centre, but we envisage it to be collaborative exercise. Many of the states have their own programs at their level. We will take their feedback and learn from their experiences. I am sure you had a session on "Experience Sharing". Such exercises will continue in future. We will continue to learn, correct our course and strive towards building an exceptional product.

- I am extremely pleased to see the enthusiasm with which the states have participated in this orientation workshop. Now it is time to build up on this momentum. NeVA team will provide you all the support you need. Call them with your queries and they will try to resolve it at the earliest. This dedicated team will be the foundation of this program but the soul of this program will lie in you. The success of this program will lie in hands of all those who are present here today. I hope that when you go back your home states, who will act as an advocate for this program and work towards generating consensus in favor of NeVA. This I wish NeVA a grand Success. I hope you had a pleasant stay and enjoyed the learning experience. I thank you all for participating in this workshop.

TO SAY SO

- I am extremely pleased at this initiative on NeVA by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. This attempt of bringing all the legislatures of the country together, at one platform thereby creating a massive data depository is highly commendable. The benefits to be achieved in terms of the creation of an efficient, inclusive, zero-emission based database will be immense. This data once converted into valuable information will prove in overhauling the way our legislatures work. Digital India is a game changer for our country. It is a powerful tool at the hands of citizens to gain access to meaningful information at tip of their fingers. This initiative will bring democracy closer to our citizens by bringing working of legislatures closer to them. By giving the citizens access to the bills, the question-answers, the documents tabled in the house in an easy manner, NeVA gives an opportunity to the citizens for meaningful engagement with the democracy, thereby taking a strong step in direction of attaining substantive democracy.

- It is equally heartening to see the enthusiasm with which the states have participated in this endeavor. We at NITI aayog believe that strong states will come together and make stronger India. I am told that many of the states have done tremendous progress in adopting this NeVA portal. I congratulate them and urge all of you to adopt this program with open arms. This Program is a shining example of principle of Cooperative Federalism. States will have to take the lead in these policy interventions. NeVA team will provide you all the support you need, by the driving force, the soul of this program will lie in you.

- I am sure over the last two days, many of your questions have been answered. The sessions held by the dignitaries must have definitely eased your concerns to a great extent. You will receive complete technical support in terms of hardware, software and capacity building as well as financial support from Ministry of Parliament Affairs. A hard working NeVA team is at your disposal. You should use their expertise, their support to build up this momentum.
- The success of this program will lie in hands of all those who are present here today. I hope that when you go back your home states, who will act as an advocate for this program and work towards generating consensus in favour of NeVA. This program has our complete support and I wish NeVA a grand Success.

⚜ INAUGURAL SESSION

⚜ LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE & INAUGURATION BY HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

- e-Vidhan is a Mission Mode Project to digitize and make the functioning of State Legislatures paperless. This is part of Digital India programme and Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, being the Nodal Ministry for this project, desires to roll out e-Vidhan as NeVA covering all 40 Houses including two Houses of Parliament and thereby putting all them on a single platform and proving the theory of 'One Nation One Application'.

- NeVA is a Rs.739 Crore (approx.) project for bringing Legislatures on digital platform, covering all Houses. It is to be used by the Legislatures as well as all the Government Departments. This journey began with a pilot project executed in Himachal Pradesh with the central assistance of Rs.8.12 crores which made the Shimla Legislative Assembly the first Assembly in India to go paperless in 2014. This project resulted into overall savings of about Rs.5.08 crores annually on account of expenditure on papers, printing, manpower costs and conservation of forests/ trees as ancillary benefits.

- Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal presided over the Inaugural Session of the two-day National Orientation workshop on National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA), organized by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, on 24th Sept, 2018. On the occasion, Shri Meghwal also launched the new website of the NeVA and administered the Swachhata Pledge to over 200

delelgates, which included senior officers from Secretariats of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, 31 Legislative Assemblies and 7 Legislative Councils from across the country.

↓ The Orientation Workshop included technical sessions and group discussions over 2 days, which facilitated exposure for the delegates about the positive attributes of NeVA; deliberations on issues faced by different State Legislatures in implementation of e-Vidhan. The focus of the workshop was to encourage all State Legislatures to move towards e-Vidhan platform and bring in transparency, accountability and responsiveness in their conduct of business, through the use of technology.

↓ Addressing the delegates in the inaugural session, Shri Meghwal said that information regarding the functioning of the Houses should be available in real time, in a format that is user friendly and increases its applicability for the member. He described instances from his Parliamentary experiences how the digitization, availability and applicability of information could save precious time, energy and resources of the Houses and its members and increase their efficiency manifold. This digital intervention is a big step to increase transparency, accountability and decreases the scope of corruption in the functioning of House, the Minister added.

↓ Shri S.N. Tripathi, Secretary (Parliamentary Affairs), informed that NeVA is a member-centric, decentralised digital application that makes information available on digital platform about day to day functioning of Legislative Houses covering, among other areas, List of Business (LOB), Notices, Bulletin-1, Bulletin-2, Starred/ Unstarred Questions including reply by the Departments (Q&A), Bills: Introduced/ Consideration & Passing, Synopsis of Proceedings, House Proceedings-Verbatim, Committees Reports, Rules & Procedures, Digital Library, Provisional Calendar, Reference material, Rotation of Ministries, Contacts, Budget Press Releases etc. The application would host a secure page for each Member of the House for submitting Questions & other Notices.

↓ The mNeVA (NeVA-mobile app) is a device neutral and user-friendly app that has made information on conduct of business in Legislatures accessible anytime, anywhere to everyone. It is a work-flow based app deployed in Cloud (Meghraj) which helps the Chair of the House to conduct the proceedings of the House smoothly and the members to carry out their

duties in the House efficiently. NeVA-mobile App is available for download from Play store and App store for Android and iOS mobiles respectively.

- NeVA has made live for Rajya Sabha in respect of Monsoon Session 2018 and information in respect of Lok Sabha is being updated. Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Sikkim, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Puducherry, Manipur Assemblies have already started using the application. Regular training through Video Conferencing are being provided by the Union Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs to all the Houses.

- Dignitaries present during the inaugural session included Smt. Neeta Verma, DG, NIC and other senior officers of the Ministry.

INTRODUCING NEVA FOR DIGITAL LEGISLATURES

- Government of India in order to transform the India into a digitally empowered society & knowledge economy launched the Digital India Programme. At present, there are 44 Mission Mode Project under Digital India. To monitor its progress, Government of India constituted an Apex Committee under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary. Apex Committee in its 3rd meeting empowered the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs as the 'Nodal Ministry' to initiate implementation of e-Vidhan a Mission Mode Project for making the functioning of all the Legislatures paperless. Many States have made good progress in the field of automation of their Legislatures. However, to take up systematic implementation across all States Legislatures, without having the complexity of multiple applications, it is required to have a common e-Vidhan framework with local add-on features to bring all the State Legislatures at par. Keeping in view this framework, MeitY, GOI implemented e-Vidhan on pilot basis in HP Vidhan Sabha in 2014 and it is running successfully for last 4 years without any glitch.

- Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has therefore decided to roll out HP e-Vidhan model by redesigning it as National eVidhan Application (NeVA) covering all 40 Houses including two Houses of Parliament and thereby putting all on a single platform. NeVA is a member centric application so as to equip them to handle diverse House Business smartly by putting entire information needed by them in their hand-held devices/ tablets and equip all the Branches of Legislatures/ Department to handle it efficiently. NeVA is a de-centralisd standalone generic digital application designed on HP Pattern on .NET technology. It is hosted on National Cloud -Meghraj with mirroring at local Data Centre and maintenance, security and disaster recovery

for all 40 Houses have been taken care of. NeVA ver1.0 can be used by 40 houses and 5300 Public Representatives.

- NeVA Ver1.0 as a Member- centric application, addresses issues of Day to Day functioning of the House like List of Business (LOB), Notice, Bulletin-1& II, Starred/ Unstarred Questions including reply by the Departments (Q&A), Bills: Introduced/ Consideration & Passing, Synopsis of Proceedings, House Proceedings-Verbatim, Committees Reports, Rules & Procedures, Digital Library, Provisional Calendar, Reference material, Rotation of Ministries, Contacts, Budget, Press Releases and Secure page for each Member of the House for submitting Questions & other Notices.

- NeVA Mobile App is compatible with both Anroid/ iOS based technology to equip Hon'ble Ministers/ Members with world class but easy to use facilities on their phone and tablets to facilitate their smart-working.NeVA mobile App will enable all MPs/MLAs to get the entire House Business including replies, to be laid in the House, 45 minutes before the beginning of the daily proceedings whereas Hon'ble Speaker will get the entire House Business as and when available. Hon'ble Ministers who have to reply to the House, can seek supplementary replies on their mobiles from the Administrative Secretaries.

- Inside the House NeVA will support a digital eBook format accessible through member's login. NeVA-mobile app will make its content accessible even without a touch-screen devise installed in the House through mobile and tablets. GoI will support NeVA through NIC and hardware, facilitation centres and capacity building of 20-30 manpower for 36 months for all 40 Houses. Funding under this scheme will be based on Centrally Sponsored Scheme pattern. Stand-alone version customised for each house, hosted on Cloud server, training Literature and User Manual for same has been put in place. States may start keying data for last Session.

- NeVA Ver2.0 is being developed by CPMU, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and will be released in due course. Model DPR Format, Checklists, MoU & Guidelines have been finalised. Dash Board –monitor @40VMs with NeVA software (application and DBMS) 37 VMs for 37 State Assemblies & Councils, 2 VMs for LS/RS and ONE for R&D purpose is ready.

- In order to provide assistance to the Members, a NeVA Kendra (e-Facilitation Center) will be setup at each location under the Nodal Officer. For Computer training program for Members of the States/UTs Legislature and various levels of officials of Legislative Assembly / Council Secretariat and other State Government Departments, a NeVA Seva Kendra (NSK) as e-Learning Centre will be set up at each location. The backend computerization of all the branches of the States/UTs Legislature Secretariats in order to ensure electronic flow and delivery of information / data to the Members of the States/UTs Legislatures and to interact with various State Government Departments will be ensured under NeVA.Capacity building and Orientation Programme for the Members of the State Legislatures, officials of the respective States Legislatures Secretariats and other officials of the State Government Departments through NeVA Seva Kendra (NSK) in all the States/UTs.

- Delivery of public services (information dissemination) through the public portals and Dashboard to ensure reliability, efficiency, transparency and accountability of all Stakeholders. The services to be provided under NeVA includes Digital House, Business Facilitation, Daily Business Papers (List of Business, Bulletins, Synopsis etc.), Preparation of Verbatim by Reporters, Submission and processing of Questions and Notices of all types, Laying of all the papers and reports in electronic form, Computerization of Question Branch, Table Office,

Legislative, Editorial and Synopsis Branch, Bills Management System, Committees Management System, Assurances Management System, Member's portal : e-Constituency management, Members' Amenities, Web-casting, Library Automation etc

➕ Provision has been made in NeVA for providing all required services to the Hon'ble Members, active cooperation of all Nodal Officers, officials from Secretariats/ Government Departments is solicited for the success of the project as it will not only equip them to act smartly but also make us smart too.

➕ GUIDELINES

➕ e-Vidhan is a Mission Mode Projects (MMPs) under the Digital India Programme (DIP). The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India is the Nodal Department for e-Vidhan MMP. e-Vidhan is to be implemented in all the States/UTs Legislative locations. Secretary, State Legislature shall act as executing Authority for implementation of NeVA.

➕ The mission of e-Vidhan MMP is to make all the States/UTs Legislatures as paperless legislatures, streamlining all the processes for information exchange with the different State Government Departments and to publish the contents on the public portal as it happens. It also aims to assist the Members of the States/UTs Legislatures to use the latest ICT tools for preparing themselves for participation in the legislative debates more effectively.

➕ The e-Vidhan project aims to develop a generic NeVA application on both android and IOS platform. The database hence designed will be shared by different Legislatures. A NeVA Technical Committee will be formed which will recommend the Hardware (H/w)/, Software(S/w), Cloud Infrastructure, tools and technologies. Digital Legislatures will be created. There will be Installation of Touch Screen / Tablet devices in the Legislatures. One Tablet Device will be provided to each Member of the Legislature. ICT Infrastructure will be provided in all the branches of State Legislatures. A robust Network Infrastructure facility with backup for high speed LAN/WAN network and secured WIFI network will be set-up. Nnecessary Hardware/access devices will be deployed in the House(s) of Legislature for electronic delivery of Services.

- Automation will be done in two phases. While in phase-I Digital Legislatures, Daily Business Papers, Preparation of Verbatim, Submission and processing of Questions and Notices of all types, Laying of all the papers and reports in electronic form, Computerization of Question Branch, Table Office, Legislative, Editorial and Synopsis Branch, Bills Management System, Committees Management System, Assurances Management System, Member's portal, Members' Amenities and Web-casting will be covered. Phase – II will cover Digital Archives, Library Automation, Procurement and Store and any other improvement.

- Funds for NeVA implementation in State Legislature(s) under e-Vidhan MMP will be provided as per the Centrally Sponsored Schemes pattern i.e. 90:10 for For North Eastern and Hilly State, 60:40 for all other States and 100% for Union Territories having Legislature. 1st installment (upto 20% of the sanctioned project cost) will be released only after the approval of DPR by the Technical and Financial Evaluation Committees at Central Level subject to budgetary provision of State's share. 2nd installment (upto 40%) will be released after Receipt of Utilization Certificate of 1st installment amount alongwith expenditure of matching contribution of State Government. 3rd installment (upto 20%) will be released after the receipt of utilization certificate of 2nd installment amount alongwith expenditure of matching contribution of State Government. Fourth and Final installment will be released on Project Completion Certificate and Financial Audit by competent authority.

- All the State Legislatures would prepare Detailed Project Report (DPR) and the GAP Analysis Report. DPR shall be scrutinized by IT Department / State Government in all respects including with reference to State share, support for manpower, operation and maintenance and redundancy management etc . Approval of DPR and implementation of the Project would be undertaken by State level NeVA Implementation Committee with recommendation for funding by MoPA, GOI.DPR duly recommended by the state government will be received by Ministry of Parliament Affairs. This DPR will undergo Technical Scrutiny by NIC and Financial Appraisal by Financial Advisor of MoPA. The Memorandum for approval of DPR of each House will be placed before Empowered Committee of NeVA for sanction along with the report of technical scrutiny and financial appraisal.

- MOPA, Govt. of India shall release the funds to the Secretary(IT) of the respective state for NeVA implementation. IT Department shall transfer the fund to the Executing Authority, NeVA along with matching share. The State government may release advance money for early implementation of the project which can be reimbursed as per sanction of MoPA, Government of India. Program Management Units (PMUs) are to be set up at the Central Level and each State Legislature Levels to enable implementation of the project in a time bound manner.

- E-learning/Facilitation Centres will be established to provide training to all the Members of the State Legislature, officials of the State Legislature Secretariat and Officials of State Government Departments. The state-of-the-art e-Learning Centers will have all modern computer-based teaching aids as well as Video-conferencing facility for remote learning. It is proposed to setup a Mock State e-Legislature at Parliament Complex under the control of (BPST). It will arrange trainings courses on NeVA for the Members/Officials of all the State Legislatures and State Government Departments. It will showcase the NeVA to the International Delegates visiting Indian Parliament. BPST shall arrange and organize Training Courses at State Legislature Locations also.

The NeVA Project is subject to Audit by competent authority of State / Central Government. The NeVA will be supported for a period of 36 months after the date of Trial Run. All efforts will be made to complete the Project in the defined Time Line. After a period of 3 years, NeVA will owned up by the State Legislatures. Government of India shall only bear the cost of the CPMU and Cloud Hosting Services of NIC. It shall be responsibility of MOPA to resolve any dispute arising out of implementation of NeVA including guidelines and instructions issued from time to time.

DIGITAL INITIATIVES IN LOK SABHA

There are 3 type of Stakeholders in the Parliamentary Functioning are Elected Representatives, The Secretariat, and The Electorate. In the Lok Sabha official site, Member's Portal is given for the Elected Representatives, There are Branch related Interface for the Secretariat and for the Electorate, and Public Websites. General Information, Personal Information and legislative Business-related information is present in Member's Portal. Some of the online services in the Lok Sabha websites are e-reference, e- notice, e-petition, miscellaneous request services and Communication and utility services.

In General, & Personal information There are Bulletin Part I and Part II, Verbatim Debates and Circulars and Notices scroll. In the Personal Information there are member profile, Member related Document, MPs membership in committees, Meeting schedules of the members, Meeting schedules related to the member, Agenda and Minutes of the Committee Meetings and payment detail of the members.

Member's Portal - online services and other interfaces A comprehensive e-portal for the Members, inter-alia focuses on filing of questions and parliamentary notices online under various rules for Adjournment motions, Calling attention, half an hour discussion, short duration discussion, Zero-hour discussion and Questions etc. A Members' Reference Service is also available wherein members can send requests for reference material on various subjects and receive material electronically. Members can submit petitions & miscellaneous requests online. Members are electronically provided with Legislative Business in advance. In other

interface, there are Questions and Answers of the Starred and un-starred question for the day. In this Bills, Verbatim Debates, Synopsis and Bulletins are circulated.

- ♣ Facilities to Members :Members are entitled to purchase computer hardware/software and other peripherals up to Rs.3,00,000/.Broadband Internet connection is also available at their residences and the capacity of which has been augmented from 70GB to 200GB per month at the speed of 20 mbps over Fiber To The Home (FTTH). Members can access information over internet while sitting at home. Members can also watch live Lok Sabha TV on their hand-held devices through LSTV Application.

- ♣ Administrative interfaces for the Secretariat Legislative Branch upload the Bills and amendments to the bills in advance, Status of the Bills, Notices and upload the schedule of the Meetings, Agenda, Minutes, Reports and any other information received from various Ministries/Departments.

- ♣ Efforts towards Paperless Secretariat Lok Sabha Intranet contains information related to the employees of Lok Sabha Secretariat, Implementation of E-Office, E-Leave, E-payment, E-payment, FTS/ FMS (File Tracking System/File Management System), Digitization of records And Digitization of records.

- ♣ Digital Library Portal Parliament Digital Library (PDL) portal provides information relating to parliamentary documents of Lok Sabha through scanning and uploading or through transfer of documents 3,87,291 digitized pdf files 9,550 Reports, Presidential Addresses and all Budget Speeches & General and Railways that are electronically available. Government Bills from 1952 to 1990 as Introduced in LS and RS (from 1990 onwards available on LS homepage).

- ♣ Lok Sabha Web Portal Lok Sabha Web-portal was launched to provide member related information, profile and their participation in the Lok sabha in the year 1996. Updated information of all the Committees, House business related information, verbatim debates, Questions and Answers and Synopsis, Legislative Bills related information, Papers laid on the Table of the House and Information related to Secretariat.

- ♣ Facilitation through Digital Mode They are moving into the paperless Parliament through the online services such as e-Payment, e-Office, e-Wisdom and Member's Portal. Members are now aware of the LoB in advance, they are getting the papers/information instantly even in the house through the Wi-Fi enabled intranet facility. They are also able to submit the notices through the Member's Portal and now they are able communication with the Secretariat and the Members of Lok Sabha.

DIGITAL INITIATIVE IN RAJYA SABHA

- I.T Initiated some of the programmes in Rajya Sabha like lyrix based terminal was introduced in 1987 for maintaining employee data. In 1993, I.T Discussed for adopting new information and communication technology for Members of parliament and Secretariat. In 1995, GPC has considered issuing notepad, laptop & computer to the Rajya Sabha members for work, also guiding rules for supply and other was framed. In 1997, parliamentary Committee was formed. Revised rules were framed in 2008.

- Position of I.T in Rajya Sabha I.T has played very important role in Rajya Sabha, more than 100 customised software was introduced, Wi- fi enabled areas and rooms in Rajya Sabha. Real time data Upgradation on websites through computerized work process. I.T made four websites for Rajya Sabha and data centre with 20TB SAN was created

- Innovative Use of ICT They have created the System which is called MaNTRA – Machine Assisted Translation System. Rajya Sabha are associated with CDAC has developed MaNTRA application for automatic translation of English Documents to Hindi with 90 plus% of accuracy. Speed of Translation is 1 Page per Minute.

- Rajya Sabha on the World Wide Web Some of the websites is http://rajyasabha.nic.in , http://rajyasabhahindi.nic.in, http://rsintranet.nic.in , http://rsdebate.nic.in.

- Digital initiatives for Members Member's login portal is Foremost in Digital initiative which is available in English & Hindi version. I.T have created RS business application for tablet users. Member's sitting plans and chairman's dashboard is available in the website. I.T created members web page and they also have E-notice application to notice submission. Rajya sabha has their website in both version Hindi as well as in English. They also have Rajya Sabha TV website. They have speaker's talk time management system.

- Major Database Applications Some of the Database application has Members' Information System, Legislative Information & Bills Database, Parliament Questions Database, Government Assurance Database, Parliamentary Committees/its Reports, Digitized Parliamentary Debates in searchable format and Personnel Administration & Management System. Public user website is data.gov.in.

↓ Data.gov.in – Rajya Sabha Datasets In Rajya Sabha Datasets there are 254 Catalog(s). More than 4500 Datasets published in open data portal. The datasets comprises Members Information, Legislative Information, Members Attendance and Parliament Question/Answer.

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⊞ DIGITAL PARLIAMENT: EXPERIENCE & EXPECTATIONS

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↓ FUNCTIONS OF PARLIAMENT Parliament is the principal forum for discussing public policy and promoting consensus-building. It plays a key role in Promotion and enhancement of democracy and democratic values. It enacts Laws, debates and establishes political priorities, allocates resources, represents different constituencies and political parties. There are 3 main Functions of parliaments are Legislative, Representative and the last one is Oversight of Government. Objectives of E-parliament are to make parliament transparent, accessible, accountable, Effectiveness and Openness. To provide Citizen a greater access to Parliament & parliamentarians .Making use of ICT for connecting to various stakeholder, to support law making, for effective oversight function to citizen & etc.

↓ E-Parliament/Digital parliament Main objective of E-Parliament/Digital parliament is to enhance and strengthen their core functions and operations by Promoting e-Democracy, to encourage citizens for their participation. To facilitate efficient public service delivery, enhances social inclusion, allows transparency and facilitates cost savings.

↓ Role of ICT Main role ICT are to strengthen and transforming the parliaments in better way. ICT has Clear vision and understanding. But some of the limitation ICT are Lack of funding, Insufficient Knowledge among staff and members, Insufficient Knowledge among staff and members and Resistance to Change.

↓ Strategic barriers to ICT development in Parliament Biggest challenges faced by parliament are that 58% inadequate financial resources, 49% Inadequate staff capacity, 23% Lack of Strategic Plan and 43% Members' Knowledge of ICT. Strategic thinking about ICT is that 73% Vision Statement only, 56%Vision Statement & Strategic Plan and 40 % Vision Statement, Strategic Plan & Regular Updates.

↓ Digital Parliament for Members and Public Digital House, Members' Portal and Mobile/Tablet apps for members and for public user also have Public Portal & Apps for Mobile/Tablet. List of business, paper laid, Synopsis, Bulletin- Part-I&II, Verbatim debates, Question's List, Questions & Answers and etc. has done in digital house. In member's portal online submission of all types of notice with their status updated are like Question Branch, Legislative Section&

Bill Office. Submission of all types of bills and forms for various services available for the Members, web-SMS& Group Email Service and etc. Daily Business, All Notices &Forms Submission and Grievances from Citizens of the Constituency &State are in the Secured App for members of Parliament. Mobile apps are in both version android as well as IOS. Public Portal are very Responsive, Easy to Use of GUI & Website with all information based on the various Parliamentary Legislative Databases. Mobile App for Public is very Easy to Use. Mobile App must shows live Webcast of House Proceedings, Questions and Answers, Bills& etc. and it help to reach MP'S by one click.

- NeVA   NeVA is a suite of ICT Applications to make a Legislature DIGITAL. It is Cloud enabled, Mobile friendly, configurable, generic applications, configurable workflows and etc. Some of the features of NeVA are Paperless House Sessions Management, Mobile App for Members and citizens and it is Mobile App for Members and citizens& etc. There are 4 types stakeholder of NeVA are Members, Govt. Department, Legislature secretariat and citizen.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- For implementation of e-Vidhan MMP for achieving paperless state legislature and electronic information services delivery to legislators and other stakeholders, tripartite memorandum of understanding will be signed among Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India, Government of State and State Legislatures as per the MoU Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, will provide funds for e-Vidhan implementation in state legislature(s) under e-Vidhan MMP in the following manner:

   o Developed state funding will be in the ratio of 60:40.
   o Northeastern states funding will be in the ratio of 90:10.
   o Union Territories having legislatures funding will be in the ratio of 100:0

- Funds will be used for developing a generic, configurable e-Vidhan product deployed on national cloud (Meghraj), procurement of hardware, software, manpower for smooth implementation in state legislatures.

- State will prepare detailed project report (DPR), gap analysis report. State level project monitoring committee will carry out the technical scrutiny and financial scrutiny of the DPR and after final approval of the same will be send to the MoPA, Govt. of India for

approval. After the technical and financial scrutiny, funds will be released for project implementation funds will be released in three installments as per terms and conditions for release of funds. After the project completion, a project completion report needs to be submitted along with the utilization certificate of the final instalment.

- The CPMU will be responsible for reviewing the financial and technical progress of the project, assessment of the progress of work and to advice the project execution team will be responsible for new directions / approach and ensure its smoother progress and link-up with the work going on elsewhere in any other state legislature in the country for full utilization of the capabilities available. CPMU will examine specific request from State Legislature regarding changes in sanctions and to make recommendations thereon for consideration by the empowered committee. CPMU will ensure advance action regarding completion of the project, establishment of facilities, its utilization and transfer of know how etc. for successful replication. CPMU will review the deliverables of the agencies involved and will amend the deliverables of required keeping in view the project objective. CPMU will recommend release of fund to implementing agency on the request of SPMUs

- The State Government will appoint a Secretary level officer to be designated as the nodal officer/representative for e-Vidhan implementation in the state legislature(s). e-Vidhan MMP is required to be implemented in their state legislature(s) and shall provide the funds as per state's contribution. State Government will borne the funds required for running of e-Vidhan MMP after 3 years. For scrutiny of DPR a state level a committee will be formed which will be headed by the Chief Secretary/Additional Secretary (IT) or any authorized officer of the state Government. For smooth implementation of e-Vidhan MMP in the state legislature necessary guidelines to be followed by all State Government departments will be issued by the state government. The State Government will ensure capacity building for the effective implementation of e-Vidhan MMP module for electronic exchange of information between state government departments to the state legislature(s). The State Government shall carry out the financial audits of grants released by the statutory audit of the State Government and a certificate to this effect will be sent to MoPA annually.

- Amendments, if any required in acts, rules, and regulations for implementation of e-vidhan in State Legislature will be carried out by the State Government/State Legislature. Maintenance and replacement of ICT equipment's on taking over the project after 3 years will be taken up by state government/state legislature. Release of next instalment would not be made in case the Utilization certificate and confirmation of release of funds by the state government of their share is not received by the CPMU.

- We are no longer living in a world, where a mobile phone was simply used for dialling and receiving calls. As of today, calling has probably shifted to be one of the secondary features of mobile phones. The technological developments have made it possible to have the world go around within our cell phones. From banking, booking tickets, to paying bills, mobile applications have made everything possible within the touch of our hands. Hence, with the advent of technology, it seems only fitting that by the virtue of our smartphones, we adapt to work in a paperless environment, all around.

- In pursuance of this thought, National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) has been launched which is a flagship program initiated by the Government of India to transform India into a digitally empowered and efficient economy. The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs remains the Nodal Ministry under the Government of India and highly advocates the utilization of the National e-Vidhan Application, which is a cost-effective workflow of all 40 houses (including 2 houses of Parliament - Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, 31 State Assemblies and 7 State Councils).

- The key highlights of the NeVA application is listed as follows –

- Effective Management of Legislation To provide the database for this application, authentic data was collected on priority basis from all the Legislatures. Once obtained, a detailed matrix was designed to store this information which can now be accessed in terms of sections such as Notice, Bulletin, Rules, List of Businesses, Bills, Paper Laid, Committee Reports, House Proceedings, Press Releases, and Budgets etc. Being a Member centric application, it has enabled a secure platform wherein each member of the house can submit questions and other notices as well. With the plethora of data available, NeVA combines the most relevant information across the Houses, provides a one-point destination and drives the mantra of "One Nation, One Application".

- Electronic Delivery of Services to Hon'ble Members NeVA provides a strong backbone structure to the inner working management of the Legislature. The Members of Legislature are provided a platform wherein they can navigate through processes of Notices, Bulletins, review the List of Business and accordingly set up their agendas to be discussed in the Legislatures. It

provides multi-fold avenues through which the Members can remain informed and also helps in creating a repository of information which may have gone amiss in a paper-centric environment.

➕ Faster Working Environment, The introduction of NeVA also helps in empowering the Members using it, by providing content on request. It will completely eliminate the process of sending out a notice/request for collection of data. Through the cloud technology (Meghraj) data deployed can be accessed anywhere at any time; the flexibility and availability of information remains NeVA's biggest virtue.

➕ "Go Green" Initiative Himachal Pradesh Assembly managed to take the "first mover" advantage by being the first State Assembly to adapt to the Mission Mode Project of going paperless, under e-Vidhan initiative back in 2015. Since then, it has reported saving funds equivalent to 3.5 crore annually by the virtue of going paperless. Any ad hoc costs spent on printing, postage etc. can be completely eliminated by downloading NeVA and conducting the requisite operations on it. As more and more States contribute their inputs and adapt to this paperless technology, there exists a paramount scope of saving more funds, across the nation.

➕ User Friendly Every citizen is bound by the laws governing their particular country. But never was it possible before, that the inner workings of the Houses/Legislatures were decentralized to the grass root level of the general public. With the introduction of NeVA – any individual can access the issues circumventing the day-to-day workings of the various Houses, and get a gist of the government's functioning. It promotes transparency, accountability and awareness which remain strong foundations on which a democracy can prosper. Additionally, the interface of the application is extremely user-friendly which can be navigated easily through any individual. There is easy access, no login credential requirement, hence enabling a swift platform for one and all.

➕ PAPER LAID MODULE

➕ The second technical session presided over by Mr. Ganguli, DS, Lok Sabha who gave an introduction of the further manuals to be explained. Th next three manuals are described as under:-

➕ Web Search and Retrieval Module – This manual dealt with the retrieval of various House documents from the Digital Library, based on different criteria, made available on public website. The manual very well illustrated the search and retrieval of each document separately.

🔸 Departments Web Module – This manual specifically dealt with the various tasks which are to be performed by the departments , in an elaborate manner and simultaneously describing the communication that takes place between the personnels of the departments through the transaction of various files and documents. It also gives a detailed account of drafting of the replies of various House documents and finally sending them to the House Secretariats.

🔸 User Management Web Module- This was the final manual of the two consecutive sessions which explained the entire process of user registration , user creation , mapping of users to various departments ,assigning of roles to the users depending upon their organisational setup and the hierarchy including various other functionalities under the authority of the Web administrator.

🔸 During the course of these two technical sessions, various issues and interjections were also raised by the Nodal officers of different states based on the manuals which were all addressed by the Secretary, MoPA one by one.

🔸 This led to the conclusion of first two technical sessions which was followed by the third technical session wherein the presentation on rest of the manuals was delivered .

QUESTION MODULE

🔸 The second day of the orientation workshop commenced with the technical sessions on the three modules, which were divided into a total of 11 user manuals. Each user manual was taken up separately entailing the core functionality and the tasks to be performed in the application based on the stakeholders/users using it.

🔸 The first two sessions were delivered on six manuals and each session was preceded by an overview/briefing & insight into the broad theme of the session, presided over by the key resource persons from Lok Sabha.

🔸 The first session was presided over by Mr. P.C. Tripathi ,Director , Lok Sabha giving an overview of the question processing taking place in the House secretariats. This briefing was followed by the first technical session , delivered by one of our NeVA coordinators and officer of MoPA, comprising three user manuals described as under:-

- Web Dashboard for Hon'ble Ministers - The first user manual dealt with the tasks which are to be performed by the Ministers through their portal. The tasks primarily include viewing the House documents, being processed and keeping a track of the communication between the House secretariats and the Govt. departments where the documents comprises questions, notices, Bills and other papers to be laid in the House. The Minister can view the replies of various documents to be laid in the House through his portal besides their status.

- Web Dashboard for Hon'ble Members - This manual dealt with the members' Dashboard which facilitates them to put up their questions to different Ministers including the submission of the notices online. Besides, they also have an access to other miscellaneous information through their portal.

- Question Processing Web Module - This manual explained the Question Processing system , one of the most important and crucial processes , out of all the legislative processes. It entails the entire process undertaken in the House secretariats and finally communicating the same to the various Govt. departments. The manual explains the flow of question process amongst various personnels involved and the various steps at each stage in an elaborate manner. Apart from this, other provisions/tasks accessible to various stakeholders were also explained.

COMMITTEE MODULE

- The first two technical sessions on Question module and Papers laid module respectively were followed by the third technical session which was delivered on Committee Reports module comprising five manuals. The session was preceded by a small introduction and briefing about the topic by one of the resource persons, Mr Arya , DS , Rajya Sabha. The manuals which were explained by one of the coordinators of NeVA and serving officer of MoPA, are as under:-

- Web Administrator and SuperAdmin module- This manual dealt with the tasks which were to be performed by the staff of the House Secretariat in this area. In SuperAdmin area, the master pages are used to insert, update and delete the data in master tables. In Admin area, there are forms in which we insert, update and delete the data in tables collectively from master tables.

- House Business Controller Module - This manual was specific to the tasks that are to be performed by the table officer of the House Secretariat. Besides this it also explained other functionalities of the system namely management of all member modules, laying papers time, questions and their answers , discussion time and members involved in discussion apart from provision of e-voting.

- House Proceedings management module – This manual dealt with the HPMS application consisting of four modules viz. Member unit, Business Controller, Display unit, speaker pad and lay paper module . Member unit is the end user application, targeting Assembly members which has a book like design structure and its functionalities can be accessed through the book pages. All the files for the current session date are downloaded by the application from the server at regular intervals.

- House Reporter Module – This manual explained the Reporter Module which is one of the end user application, targeting Assembly reporters. It's a multiuser role based application, used by both assembly reporters and chief reporters. House proceedings are created through this application. This modules consists of sub modules like User Creation, eVidhan Reporter & eVidhan Chief Reporter.

- Mobile Application for Hon'ble Members – This manual was about the NeVA mobile application that will be used by the Hon'ble members to view all the information of the working of the House secretariats, etc. Through this all the information will be available to the users through the device, making it handy and convenient to use. All the necessary information can be looked for through this mobile application.

- The various queries and issues raised by the Nodal officers of the states were replied to by the Secretary, MoPA. With this the third session on the Committee Reports Module was concluded.

GROUP WORK ON USER MANUAL, GUIDELINES AND MOU OF NATIONAL E-VIDHAN APPLICATION

- A Group discussion was held after the completion of Orientation Programme and suggestion were invited from all the Hon'ble Members present in the Programme. Important Points rose in Group Discussion and Suggestions are as follows:-

- On User Manual: Secretary MOPA advised everyone to join NeVA. He suggested that if all the States start working on NeVA, then so many problems which they are facing at present will get resolved by them only and they will come to know how beautiful the system is.

- Madhya Pradesh: Hon'ble Member requested to provide a copy of change in Rules and Procedure in Himachal Pradesh so that they may enable the same in their State also. And

Secretary, MoPA appreciated his suggestion and assured that they will discuss this with Hon'ble Minister MoPA to set a Model Rule which they will be able to use as per the directions of Hon'ble Speaker.

🔸 Karnataka: Hon'ble Member requested to put all the related words and text integers and alphanumeric etc. in user manual of the application. He also emphasised that while entering Masters Data they have seen that some of the fields are automatically generated. He requested all such things must be included in user manual so that it may be a easy for everyone.

🔸 Secretary, MoPA appreciated his suggestion and suggested him to not to rely only on user manual. He further suggested start applying the system NeVA and your team will become comfortable with the system in a couple of days. He told that without using this application it is very hard to understand it. He quoted an example, "there is no user manual to ride a bicycle." He said, "the best user manual is the use itself, let's use it, try to sort out the problems" he further said that if you wish to create any other type of training material/user manual which is locally relevant and serve the purpose I will request all the secretaries of the Houses to do it. He said that they have as much wisdom as he has. He advised that a user manual in local language can also be developed for the convenience of the user. He also added that the States may purchase anything which is necessary for the development of the system. They may acquire it by Government e-Market Place or whatever mode they like which is in their State but they will be reimbursed at GeM rates only.

🔸 On Guidelines One Member sited that on Page No. 5 two annexures are missing, Annexure 1 and 2. 1st is on the details regarding the procurement of the procedure of the tablets and 2nd is setting up of the facilitation centre.

🔸 Secretary MoPA explained that they have to submit DPR (Detailed Project Report) and Ministry of Finance is to revise the original thought process as initially they were not confident that all the States will be doing this. Now this will be conveyed to Ministry of Finance that States are not only ready but have taken first few crucial steps. These annexure related guidelines will be available on our website within 7-8 days. He suggested them a lot of other things are still to be discussed. A NeVA Seva Kendra is also to be developed for the training of the IT people at the end of the States but all the expenditure which will be reimbursed to them is as per the guidelines of MOPA, if they wish to spend more they may do it at their own expenditure. He advised to take the help of NIC as much as they can, as done by Himachal. He commented NIC is the Best. Secretary MoPA added that they should try to convince the Members of Assemblies who are not willing to go with NeVa and are trying to stick with their old system. Secretary advised them to be their friend, philosopher and guide and assured them that they will also get the same respect as Himachal Pradesh is getting. NeVA is available free of cost to all the States.

🔸 Members from Tamil Nadu asked that who would be the competent authority for passing the Bill. Secretary, MoPA revealed that Hon'ble Speaker of the assembly is the competent authority.

🔸 Members from Gujrat conveyed their thanks to MOPA and said that this is the first platform apart from the Parliament or CPA where all Assemblies are on a single platform. They told that when they were in the phase of data entry sometimes they faced error pages while data entry. So, they requested to send report of the data entry to the state team so that they could be ensured

about the data entry. Secretary MoPA thanked them for their efforts and assured them for timely reply.

- One Member asked, "If they should have two committees for Bicameral Houses. Secretary, MoPA suggested each House should have its own committee but one DPR for each State.

- A Member from Tamil Nadu requested MoPA to communicate with Chief Secretary of each State so that it may be authoritative. Or a copy should be marked to State Legislature. Secretary MoPA said that earlier a letter was being sent to the nodal officer of each State, but now a copy will be sent to Chief Secretary of the States respectively.

- Member from Bihar questioned about the safety and security issues and denying of Hon'ble Members from the questions they asked earlier. Secretary clarified that only a Hon'ble Member is responsible for his the security of his User ID and Password. He cannot blame anybody else for the questions and replies made from his account. He will have to authorise somebody or do it himself. He further emphasised that only and only Hon'ble Members are responsible for their replies.

- Member from Odisha explained that a committee to visit Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Lok Sabha was constituted in 2017 but due to some problems it was postponed. So, he requested MoPA to write a letter so that they may take an approval again and it they may proceed. Secretary assured to write to Chief Secretaries of the State.

- One Member asked to develop an SMS System. Secretary MoPA revealed that this system is being developed and they are going to purchase one lakh SMS' daily so that an authenticated acknowledgement of the questions and replies may be given through SMS alert to the person concerned. He assured that only MoPA will bear the cost of the same. States are not to pay anything for the same.

- Member from Kerala explained that they were having a system running very successfully in their State since 2015. He asked whether they are to use that system or not? Secretary suggested to do entries in NeVA also and to go with their running system, simultaneously. He further explained that once NeVA is fully operated in their State, they may switch to NeVA.

- Member from Madhya Pradesh asked whether there is a procedure to include the sub officers. Secretary explained those who would give answers and replies they are part of NeVA. He added that it is not the assembly who generates the content. Assemblies have questions which are by the Member. Only Minister is responsible to the House no other HOD.

- One Member asked about the customisation of the NeVA Software. Secretary MoPA said that they would do the least customisation because they will have a national version and they will have a mobile version. Only customisation regarding their regional language and font etc will be done.

- One Member from Kerala asked that they want to start from those areas which have not been touched like list of committees, list of Business, papers laid on the table of the House, they want to take those modules one by one. Secretary suggested to do only List of Business through NeVA because if you do List of Business through NeVA other things will follow automatically.

+ Secretary explained to all the Hon'ble Members that some issues have come about Capacity Building like there is no institute training at the House Level. He added that there will be more workshops like this in near future involving all the key stakeholders and participants of NeVA. He added that all the Hon'ble Members are competent enough to train their people as they want and as per their need. At last he wished all the Hon'ble Members for their contribution to NeVA and advised them to cooperate with others in this great cause of digitalising the legislatures of all States and both Houses of Parliament.

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+ Workflow Based Data Entry of last SESSION of the House first and mandatory step of DPR - **Proof of Concept**
+ Mobile enables service to run in addition to existing ICT Applications - **Proof of UX**
+ In-house Automation proposal will be part of DPR based on User Acceptance of One SESSION and Willingness of Existing Manpower to run the system based on Data Entry experience - **Proof of Readiness**
+ Capacity Building (up to level 3) can be taken up locally CPMU may assist on demand - **Proof of Willpower**
+ VC training every week for One Hour- Happy2Help approach No Gyan - **Proof of continuous GoI support**

VALEDICTORY SESSION

+ Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Statistics and Programme Implementation, Shri Vijay Goel presided over the Valedictory Session of the two-day National Orientation workshop on National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA), organized by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, here today. This was the first workshop amongst a series of workshops planned by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs for effective roll-out of NeVA.

+ NeVA, an initiative by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, aims to make all the Legislatures of the country paperless by making the proceedings of the Houses digital. It is an attempt to provide the information about the functioning of House to the common citizen at the click of a button. The iOS and Google app of NeVA along with the NeVA Website, will act as a repository of data related to the business of all Legislatures in the country in a uniform manner.

- The NeVA aims to live up-to its potential of being 'One Nation, One Application'. This uniformity of database will lead to easy and effective engagement of citizens with the Government, which will lead to efficient delivery of services and ensure reliability, efficiency, transparency and accountability of all the stakeholders. NeVA will bring Legislatures closer to citizens, thereby taking a decisive step in achievement of substantive democracy.

- Once the programme is operational, details of 5,379 Members from the 40 Legislatures will be uploaded on the portal. A total of 1,13,337 questions, 25,662 notices, 1,708 Bills, 515 committee reports and 10,043 papers from the Legislatures will become available in public domain on NeVA app and website.

- Addressing the gathering of over 200 delegates from 29 States and Union Territories, representing 36 legislatures across country including Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Shri Vijay Goel congratulated the team of Union Ministry of Parliamentary affairs for spearheading the NeVA initiative as well as the Assembly of Himachal Pradesh for taking the lead in adopting digitalization. The Minister said that cooperation from States is of utmost importance in making this step a success. He assured full cooperation from the Union Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs to the State Legislatures in this direction.

- Shri Goel emphasized on the need for reforms in functioning of Legislatures, including Parliament, with changing times for increasing the productivity of the Houses and efficiency of the respective members. He stressed upon the importance of imbibing suggestions from Members of Parliament and State Legislatures and make this digital initiative livelier and user friendly.

- Shri Goel praised the benefits of digitalization and making Legislatures paperless, yet he firmly expressed his desire that there has to be a balance between technology, consumption of information digitally and the traditional form of functioning of Legislatures. He laid stress on the importance of intellectual debates and interpersonal relations among Members of the Houses. Adoption of technology is inevitable, yet, it should not overpower the human element in the Legislatures in the country, Shri Goel added.

- Addressing the gathering, CEO, NITI AAYOG, Shri Amitabh Kant noted that with the world becoming increasingly complex with overload of information, the NeVA initiative promises to ensure ease of access of important information about functioning of Legislatures in a simplified format to everyone. He encouraged the delegates from States to adopt this revolutionary tool with open arms in respective State legislatures and ensure that information regarding functioning of Houses reaches the fingertips to all citizens.

- Speaking on the occasion, Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs, Shri S.N. Tripathi informed that there are over 4000 applications already running in the Parliament and State Legislatures on different subjects. He said that huge volume of information is being managed by these applications, which makes accessing the relevant information instantly very difficult. NeVA is an effort to integrate this information on one platform and giving anytime anywhere access to everyone at a click of a button, he informed.

- Over the course of two days, a series of lectures/interactive sessions were delivered by dignitaries and experts on important features of NeVA. Technical sessions were also conducted, including a live, hands-on demonstration of the application. Session by experts from NIC explained the cloud first and mobile first architecture of NeVA application. An experience sharing session with Himachal Pradesh Assembly was also conducted where the team responsible for the implementation of the project discussed the challenges as well as the benefits of implementing the project. Through group discussions an attempt was made to answer all the queries of the participants. A consensus emerged for speedy implementation of NeVA. During the valedictory session, Shri Goel felicitated Punjab, Gujarat and Karnataka for their outstanding work in early adoption of the project.

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