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Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**One Nation One Application - Implementation of National e-Vidhan
Application (NeVA) for Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and all Legislatures
in the country**

A. Background

1. Hon'ble Prime Minister while addressing the concluding Session of 80th Presiding Officers Conference in the august presence of Hon'ble Vice President of India, Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha, Secretary General of Lok Sabha and Secretary General of Rajya Sabha on 26th November, 2020 in Kevadia, Gujarat had urged the Presiding Officers for digitalisation of all the Houses in the Country by adopting the available existing solutions so as to complete the task by 15th August, 2022 when India will be celebrating 75th Anniversary of Independence. During the above address, Hon'ble Prime Minister had said:

"Friends, some efforts have been made for digitalisation in Parliament and few Legislative Assemblies but now time has arrived to step into complete digitalisation. If all the Presiding Officers will take initiative in this regard, I am confident that our Legislators and Members of Parliament will adopt this technology expeditiously. Looking at 75 years of Independence, can you set goals related to this? Can you set these targets now? Friends, today it is necessary for all the Legislative Houses of the Country to move forward in the direction of data sharing so that there is a central database in the Country. A real time detailed information of the working of all the Houses should be available to the common citizen and also to all the Houses of the Country. For this a modern digital platform has already been developed in the form of National e-Vidhan Application. I would request all of you to adopt this Project

as soon as possible. Now we should emphasise on the use of more and more technology in our working for paperless functioning”.

2. Hon’ble President of India, while addressing both the Houses of Parliament assembled together at the commencement of Budget Session, 2021 in the august presence of Hon’ble Vice President of India, Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Hon’ble Speaker of Lok Sabha, Secretary General of Lok Sabha and Secretary General of Rajya Sabha, urged both Houses of Parliament and all State Legislatures to adopt NeVA as follows:

“This technology drive is empowering the democratic institutions in the Country. In this direction, with the help of National e-Vidhan Application, all the Legislative Assemblies, Legislative Councils and both the Houses of the Parliament are being digitalised. Implementation of National e-Vidhan Application i.e. NeVA in the State Legislatures will commence a new era in the Legislative and democratic processes in the Country”.

B. Steps taken so far

3. In view of above guidance of Hon’ble President of India and Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has been in constant touch with the concerned authorities of all the Legislatures in the country including Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha for facilitating the on boarding of NeVA with specific adaptations in National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA), as required, before 15th August, 2022 in relation to Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, State Legislatures and UTs with legislatures.

4. The NeVA project has already received approval of the PIB on 15th January, 2020. Since the current software being used by Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha as well as NeVA, all are being managed by NIC, the Ministry of Finance has also desired that NeVA is suitably adapted so as to cover all Legislatures including the two Houses of Parliament as re-writing codes for any new Application would amount to re-inventing the wheel besides losing the ‘One Nation-One Application’ character.

5. The NeVA, a Rs.673.94 Crore Project, has been sanctioned by PIB for covering all 37 State Legislatures (31 Assemblies+ 6 Councils). Of these, eighteen State Legislatures have already signed MOUs for on boarding NeVA. The Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) as prepared by twelve of these Houses,

eight have already been approved and first instalment has been released to them for procurement of ICT devices.

6. Accordingly, digitalisation of all Legislatures in India is targeted to be completed by 15th August 2022 as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav', as part of 'Vision Document for the Government of India' and is being monitored at the highest level. Co-incidentally new Parliament Building, a symbol of 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' is also scheduled to be inaugurated before Winter Session of 2022.

C. Suggested way forward

7. In order to prepare NeVA for a trial run at the earliest, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has prepared a Presentation that entails the current status of NeVA as well as further steps that may need to be taken.

8. It is requested that a suitable time convenient to the Hon'ble Vice President & Chairman of Rajya Sabha may kindly be indicated.


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A Brief Presentation by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

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