

**HIGH COURT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
(OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL PROJECT COORDINATER e-COURTS)

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

**Information from Jammu and Kashmir High Court:**

**I. Establishment of E-Courts:**

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

At present no E-Court (Paperless Court) has been established under the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir.

**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.*

Data on National Judicial Data Grid is being uploaded from District Courts of Anantnag, Pulwama, Budgam, Baramulla, Udhampur, Kathua. No data from any of the wings of the High Court is being uploaded because we are in the process of implementing the CIS Core 1.0 in the High Court. The main problem in updation is encountered regarding connectivity. Jammu and Kashmir being a hilly State with difficult topographical conditions, the issues of connectivity are immense. Out of 22 District Court complexes, leased line is sanctioned for only 16 complexes and out of those 16 complexes, leased line has been installed in 12 complexes only. But line in Jammu District Court complex stands snapped by the BSNL for the last two years because NIC has not made the payment. Line at Srinagar is non-functional because the courts at Srinagar have shifted to a make-shift building after 2014 floods. Lines at Baderwah, Rajouri and Samba are non-functional because of damaged routers. Data of Shopian and Ganderbal is not being uploaded because of the problem in uploading the data. The data at these places gets stuck and the last message we get is "alter the tables". Thereafter the change does not work. The matter was several times taken up with the NIC team but the solution has eluded till this day. So far as improving the connectivity, we have

taken up the matter with both the NIC and the BSNL and hopefully within couple of months the line at all the sites will be installed and functional.

All the data including case status, judgments and all available Civil & Criminal categories of cases from the District Courts and daily cause lists are uploaded in the NJDG.

### **III. Uniform Nomenclature:**

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

**Ans:** There has been no uniformity in in the District Courts in the nomenclature of case type so far. However a process has been initiated at the High Court level to have uniform case type throughout the State.

### **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.*

**Ans:** The sanctioned strength of technical manpower in the High Court and in the District Courts is given as under:

## **HIGH COURT**

**SRINAGAR WING: Senior System Officer = 1**

**System Officer = 1**

**System Assistants = 2**

**JAMMU WING: Senior System Officer = 1**

**System Officer = 1**

**System Assistants = 2**

## **DISTRICT COURTS**

**System Officers = 22**

**System Assistants = 44**

**PROCESS OF RECRUITMENT:** Technical manpower was provided by the e-Committee during Phase-I of the e-Courts Project. They have not been employed by the High

Court. NIC which was made the implementing agency in Phase-I outsourced this part of the project to two private nodal agencies who employed them on contractual basis. Government of India by order No J-15018/5/2010-JR dated 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2010 provided that for sustainability of the project the State Government will be required to provide inter alia all recurring expenses relating to the project and deployment of technical manpower for ICT related troubleshooting at the courts after 30 months. It is in this backdrop that the High Court in the year 2011 approached the State of Jammu and Kashmir for budgetary requirements for sustainability of the e-Court Project for the year 2011-2012 in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. Since these persons had acquired the necessary experience in working in the project, the State Government thought it fit to continue them and retained them and since then they are being paid their wages by the Government and funds are released from time to time by the State Government for that purpose. Whenever any post falls vacant due to abandonment of job or any other reason, the High Court makes new recruitments. The educational qualifications provided are the same as were provided by the NIC. The recruitment is made on contractual basis for a period of two years through interviews conducted by a panel comprising of member each from NIC and Department of Information and Technology Government of Jammu and Kashmir and CPC of the High Court. 70% weightage is given to the technical qualification and 30% to the interview.

**TRAINING TO NEW RECRUITS:** Whenever any new recruitment is made as stated above, the newly recruits are provided a training of one week in Computer Section at Srinagar or Jammu. The training pertains to Operating System (Ubuntu), different softwares including Case Information System (CIS), uploading the data on NJDG, Server Management and other trouble shooting matters.

#### **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.*

**Ans: A. E-Filing:** At present no e-filing is being done in either the High Court or in any Subordinate Court.

**B. Video Conferencing:** Video Conference equipment has been successfully installed at both the wings of High Court and is functioning properly. Video conferencing facility has been and is being used in conducting full Court meetings of the High Court between the wings of Jammu and Srinagar, Meetings of committees of the High Court, Review Meetings between the Administrative Judges of various Districts and respective presiding officers, conducting of interviews in recruitment processes, various workshops and meetings between the High Court and Supreme

Court, Meetings between the State Legal Services Authority and National Legal Services Authority.

The equipments for Video Conferencing facility between the Courts and Jails are already installed in 11 District Courts and 14 Jails. Proposal for release of funds for a dedicated connectivity to the Courts for VC between the courts and jails is pending consideration before the Government.

## **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.*

**Ans:** The process of scanning and digitization has not been started in the High Court or in the Subordinate Courts as yet.

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

**Ans:** Digital signature is not in use in the High Court as yet.

*Q8: Whether there is any security for preservation of data scanned and uploaded? If yes, then specify the procedure through which it get affected.*

**Ans:** Since the process of digitization has not been started as yet, therefore there is no procedure providing the security of the data scanned and uploaded.

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

**Ans:** The following Citizen Centric Services have been started in the High Court:

**A. Digital Display Boards:** At Both wings of the High Court, Digital Display Boards have been installed displaying information about on going/ pass over cases in different Courts of the High Court. Display Boards give information about last 10 cases taken in a particular Court. The information would be whether the case has been called, Passed over and whether any judgment/ order has been passed in a particular case. Display Boards have been installed outside each Court Room, Main Gate of the High Court, Bar Room, High Court Library and Main Hall of the High Court.

**B. Cause Lists:** Cause lists are available on-line on the website of the High Court.

**C. Filing at Judicial Service Center and generation of Receipt containing filing number.**

**D. LAN based Enquiry Kiosks at High Court Complexes of Srinagar and Jammu.**

*Q10: Has the SMS Delivery Service been launched? If Yes, since when?*

**Ans:** Yes. SMS Delivery Service was launched in 2013 in five Districts of Anantnag, Srinagar, Baramulla, Udhampur and Kathua when CIS Core 1.0 was operating in the District Courts. However after migration to Core 2.0 recently, SMS Delivery Service is working only at two places of Kathua and Udhampur since May 2016.

*Q11: What are the data presently being uploaded on NJDG Portal? What is the time frame for uploading the material?*

**Ans:** All the data including case status, judgments and all available Civil & Criminal categories of cases from the District Courts and daily cause lists are uploaded in the NJDG. The time frame is from 3 PM to 5 PM.

*Q12: Is the District Court Website functional? Specify its utility to the stakeholders.*

**Ans:** Yes, each District Court has Drupal based Website which is functional. All court related specific information including case status; judgments, orders, notices etc are available for the