

Reforming the process of Gazette Notifications

Exclusive e-Publishing of Gazette Notifications

Reforms in Directorate of Printing
Ministry of HUA



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Introduction: Exclusive e-Publishing of Gazette Notifications and Discontinuation of Physical Printing - Started from 1st October 2015.

Gaps in the earlier procedure: Previously, all the Gazette Notifications were printed in the Offset Printing Machines and after that were scanned and uploaded in the e-Gazette portal, i.e. www.egazette.nic.in. Physical printing, distribution, stacking and sale of Gazette Notifications required huge infrastructure, space for handling and storage and a lot of manpower. It was time consuming process resulting in delays occasionally.

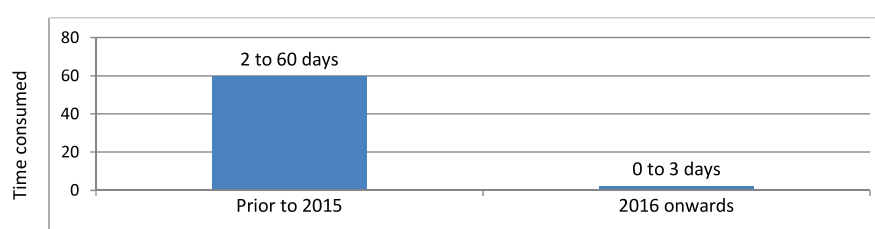
Genesis of this Reform: The previous method of Gazette Notifications was a technologically time consuming process and due to this, implementation of some high value and projects of national importance faced delays sometimes. Taking stock of the situation, the Project Monitoring Group (PMG) of Prime Minister's Office directed in 2015 that physical printing of the Gazette Notifications be discontinued and exclusive e-publishing of notifications be started.

How does exclusive e-publishing function: To ensure seamless and authenticated publishing, provision has been made on the portal for Nodal Officers to enable them to electronically forward the content with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). The content received from the indenting Ministries/Departments is formatted and then uploaded on the portal by the concerned Press enabling publication of notifications on the same day of receipt or in the next couple of days and anyone can download the Notifications free of cost from their computers.

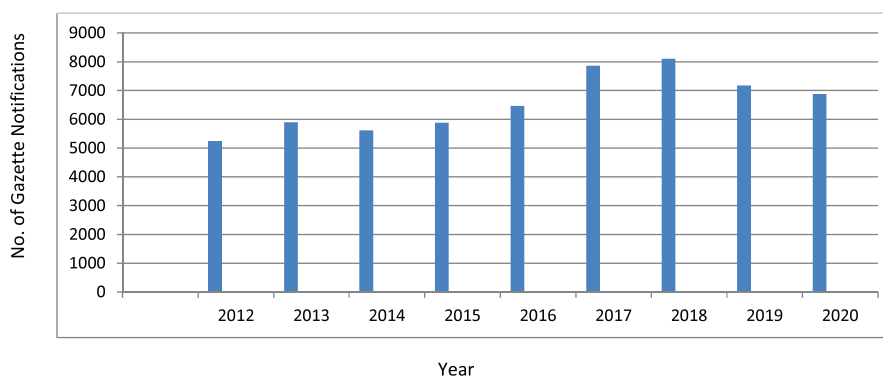
Professionalising exclusive e-Publishing: Most Ministries/Departments have already registered their nodal officers and it is being followed up with the rest. Concerned employees have also been provided training by NIC so that the process of gazette notifications is totally online and no content matter needs to be delivered to the Press physically.

e-Gazette Making a Difference – Interesting feature of e-Gazette: In exclusive e-publishing, faceless transmission of data is ensured without any human interface and use of Digital Signature Certificates (DSCs) ensure accountability of the officers. It has led to savings of about 90 Metric Tonnes of Paper per annum approximating Rs. 40 crores per annum and also benefitting the environment by saving some 11,000 trees so far. E-publishing has also led to savings of the huge space and infrastructure required for printing, stacking, distribution of physical copies and concomitant saving of manpower, electricity, chemicals and dyes required in the printing process.

Time Consumed in Publishing Gazette Notifications



Average Number of Gazette Notification Published annually

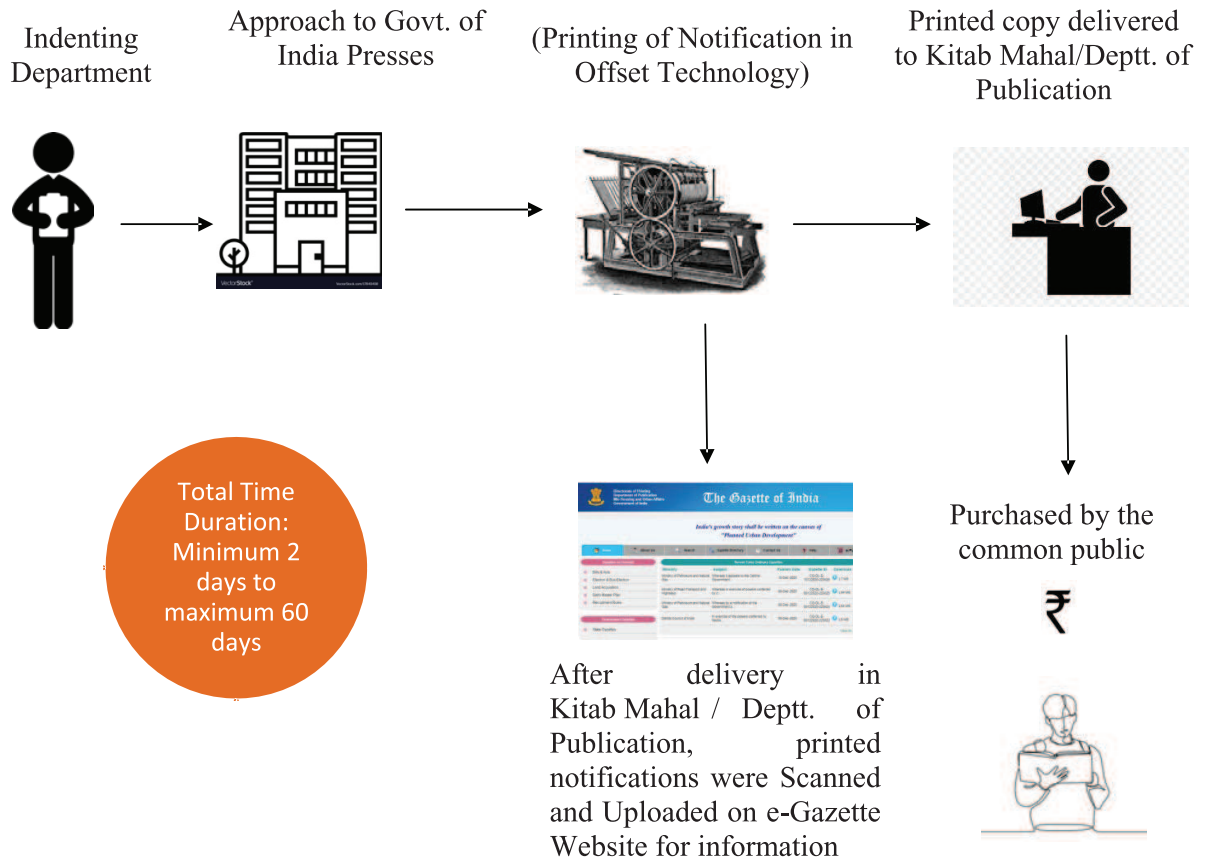


An Inclusive Model - Far reaching impact – Loved by all: Anyone in any remote corner of the country can access/download Gazette Notifications immediately upon its publication. E-publishing has relieved the Government Departments from the inconvenience of physical delivery of the content of the notifications to the Printing Presses concerned. It has relieved the Printing Press/Publication employees of the drudgery of process of physical printing with the offset printing machines and subsequent handling for transport to the points of sale, etc.

E-publishing has benefitted the general public by ensuring ease of access and availability free of cost immediately upon uploading of the notifications on the e-Gazette website.

Infographics:

Prior to Reforms



After the Reforms

