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From

The Registrar General,
High Court of Delhi,
New Delhi.

To

The Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQ's),
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.

Sub: Minutes of the meetings held on 22.09.2021 with Registrar General of High Courts and Ors to discuss various schemes, programmes and initiatives being implemented/undertaken by the DoJ, for information and necessary action.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith letter No. J-11018/01/2018-JR dated 06.10.2021 of Ms. Premlata Kaushik, Deputy Secretary to the GOI, Ministry of Law & Justice (Department of Justice) and to request you to furnish the reply/information on the subject mentioned above in Action Points w.r.t. All State and Delhi at the earliest at dr-eodb.dhc@gov.in.

Thanking You.

Yours sincerely

(Nisha Sharma)
Deputy Registrar (EoDB)
For Registrar General

Encl: As Above.

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Copy forwarded along with its enclosures with the request to provide the requisite information as per **Annexure-A**, to this office by **21.10.2021**, through **email-headquarter304@gmail.com**, for onward transmission to Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi.

1. The Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judges, all Court Complexes, Delhi /New Delhi
2. The Chairperson, Building Maintenance Committee, Central District, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi.
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5. The Officer-In-Charge, General Branch, Central District, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi.
6. The Officer-In-Charge, Digitization Branch, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi
7. The Officer-In-Charge, Administration Branch-I,II,III, Central District, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi
8. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer, Central District, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

18/10/21

(Ankur Jain)
Officer-In-Charge (Judl)
For Principal District & Sessions Judge
(Hqs):Delhi

(Annexure-A)

File No. J - 11018 / 01 / 2018 - JR
Government of India
Ministry of Law & Justice
(Department of Justice)

Jaisalmer House, Mansingh Road,
New Delhi, 6th September, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 16TH, 20TH, 21ST, 22ND AND 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2021 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH REGISTRAR GENERAL OF HIGH COURTS AND LAW/PWD SECRETARIES OF STATE GOVERNMENTS/UTS ADMINISTRATION**

The undersigned is directed to forward the Minutes of the Meetings held on **16th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd September, 2021** at 11.00 A.M. (through Video Conference) with Registrar General of High Courts and Law/PWD Secretaries of State Governments/ UT Administration to discuss various schemes programmes and initiatives being implemented / undertaken by the Department of Justice, for information and necessary action.

Enclosures: As above.

(Premlata Kaushik)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
Tel no. 011-23072549

To,

1. Secretaries, Law/ Home/Judicial Department,All State Governments/UT Administrations.
2. Registrars General, All High Courts.

Copy to :

1. Sh. G. R. Raghaveder, Joint Secretary, Department of Justice.
2. Sh. Shri Niraj Kumar Gayagi, Joint Secretary, Department of Justice.
3. Sh. PravashPrashun Pandey, Joint Secretary, Department of Justice.
4. Sh. ShaileshShrivastava, Director, Department of Justice.
5. Sh. Muralidhar Pandey, Director, Department of Justice.

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PPS to Secretary, Department of Justice.

MEETING WITH REGISTRAR GENERAL OF HIGH COURTS AND LAW/PWD SECRETARIES OF STATE GOVERNMENTS THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING ON 16.09.2021 AT 11:00 AM

A Meeting was conducted with the Registrar General of High Courts and Law/PwD Secretaries of State Governments through Video Conferencing under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Shri Barun Mitra, Department of Justice, on 16.09.2021 at 11:00 am. The list of participants is placed herewith at Annexure.

2. At the outset, **Shri G.R. Raghavender , Joint Secretary** welcomed all the distinguished members. He explained that this Video Conferencing is held to monitor the CSS for Judicial Infrastructure including the Gram Nyayalayas in the states. This helps in creating an interface for the Department to better implement the scheme in a way that the main objective of the scheme can be achieved i.e. construction of Court houses and providing residential accommodation. Shri G. R Raghavender also informed that the Cabinet has recently extended the CSS for judicial infrastructure for another 5 years. He then requested the Secretary (Justice) to give his opening remarks.

3. The Chair welcomed all the state government officials and the High Court officials from the states of Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Lakshadweep and Puducherry. He expressed his appreciation at the fact that since last some years, the budget for the Scheme had been completely utilized and the funds were also released in a timely manner to the states. He further made the following observations:

- The Cabinet has approved the continuance of the scheme for further 5 years from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2026, with budgetary outlay of Rs.9000 cr, out of which central share is Rs.5307 cr. Further, apart from the Court halls and residential facilities, three more components have been added viz. digital computer room, lawyers' hall and toilet complexes. These new features were added at the demand of Civil Society Organisations, legal fraternity and the administration.
- The guidelines for the scheme have also been revised in keeping with the fresh approval to the scheme. Some of the important conditions to be taken care of before fund release are that for new projects encumbrance free land and other clearances should be available. the start date and estimated end date of the projects proposed to be taken up need to be indicated, projects need to be uploaded and geotagged on Nyay Vikas Portal and most importantly the implementation of the new PFMS procedure for release of funds to the States/UTs for CSS.
- It was highlighted that fresh releases under CSS would be possible only after new PFMS procedure for release of funds under CSS has been fully implemented by the States and necessary intimation to this effect is provided to DoJ. It was also requested that issues/problems if any may be highlighted so that DoJ and other stakeholders can help resolve it.
- It was noted that presently only the projects that came up after 2016 have been uploaded/geotagged on the Nyaya Vikas portal. It was requested that all the court halls and residential units constructed and completed from 1993 onwards

with central assistance, may also be uploaded and geotagged on the Nyaya Vikas portal, so that a holistic picture emerges.

- It was also informed that efforts are being made to improve the quality of the data under the initiatives being taken under Data Governance Quality Index (DGQI).
- Gram Nyayalaya scheme has also been continued for 5 years beyond 01.04.2021 and upto 31.03.2026 with budgetary outlay of Rs.50 crores, subject to fresh conditions that funds would henceforth be released only after the notified Gram Nyayalayas have been made operational, Nyayadhikaris appointed and due reporting done on the Gram Nyayalaya portal.
- The States/UTs were also requested to provide information regarding the upcoming projects which are due for laying of the foundation stones or where the construction is complete and the Inauguration is due in the next three months.
- Efforts also have to be made to make buildings disaster resilient and more accessible to PwD (Persons with Disabilities) since the Court system is a forum for justice delivery and it has to provide easy access to all persons.

4. Representatives from PFMS also informed that under CSS scheme, a single nodal Agency (SNA) account has to be opened. The Central Government will release fund to the concerned state government and the State government has to deposit that amount within 20 days in the SNA Bank account. The State Government will deposit their share within 40 days in the SNA account after which a purpose of payment will be added by Programme Division and any transactions can be made at any time after that, in keeping with the procedures indicated in MoF guidelines. They also informed that the Utilisation Certificate has to be uploaded on PFMS so that it can directly be submitted to concerned Ministry and the finance department. It was also clarified that the State Department will open the SNA account.

5. The Chair then proceeded to the agenda points pertaining to each state.

ACTION POINTS

All States

Sr No.	Issues	Action Points
1.	Submission of Proposals	To send proposals for the construction of digital computer room, lawyers' hall and toilet complexes to Department of Justice, besides those pertaining to court halls and residential units, alongwith: (i)Start date and end date of projects (continuing or fresh) (ii) Certificate of encumbrance free land & other clearances (iii) Intimation of full implementation of PFMS guidelines (iv) Completion of geotagging on Nyay Vikas portal (v) Submission of UCs (vi) Indication of state share proposed
2	Foundation stone laying/Inauguration of completed projects	To provide information about the upcoming projects due for laying of the foundation stones or where the construction is complete and the inauguration is due in the next three months.

3	Geo Tagging	-To upload and Geo-Tag all the projects on the Nyay Vikas Portal from the time of initiation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Judicial Infrastructure in 1993 till date. -In case of any duplication/wrong entry, an email for deletion be sent to DoJ at the earliest. -UCs also to be uploaded on the Nyaya Vikas portal.
4	PFMS	To adopt the new PFMS mechanism for CSS releases, otherwise DoJ will not be in a position to release any further funds.
		Further, as per the new PFMS guidelines, further installment of funds to the States/UTs will get released, only after at least 75% of the funds released stand utilized. This means that even though the Utilization certificate may be required submitted by a State after a year as per GFRs, actual utilization of funds has to take place. Thus while UC for fund released upto 2019-20 is already required to be submitted and these funds should already stand utilized. **But even the funds released in 2020-21 and 2021-22 (which is called unspent balance) need to be utilized and further release will become due, only after 75% of the funds released (both Central and State share)or unspent balance gets spent.** The States thus need to expedite expenditure also.
5	Gram Nyayalayas	-To send UC of funds pending. -To ensure that all the Gram Nyayalayas which are notified are made functional, Nyay Adhikaris appointed and due reporting done on the Gram Nyayalaya Portal.
6	Disaster resilient and more accessible buildings.	To make efforts to make buildings disaster resilient and more accessible to PwD (Persons with Disabilities) since the Court system is a forum for justice delivery for all persons.
7.	Meeting of the State Level Monitoring Committee	The State Level Monitoring Committee should meet regularly and review the progress of various projects going on under the CSS.
8	State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC)	To constitute a State Level Sanctioning Committee w.r.t flexi funds, so that if need arises, the meeting of the Committee can take place immediately.

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Apart from the Action Points pertaining to All States		
S. No.	Issues	Action Points
1	Rented Buildings	To provide status of the 17 rented buildings and the propose plan to shift them to government owned buildings
2	UC for Gram Nyayalayas	To provide Utilisation Certificate w.r.t Gram Nyayalayas, b October end.

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Annexure-A

Apart from the Action Points pertaining to All States		
Sr. No.	Issues	Action Points
1	PFMS	To share the status report on implementation of PFMS.
2.	Vacancy	To share the development status w.r.t action being taken to fill the vacancies. To upload the data on the DoJ portal.
3.	Imtiaz Ahmad Guidelines	To share the developments and decision of the Supreme Court with the submission of the Final Report.
4	Geo-Tagging	To Geo-Tag all the projects on the Nyay Vikas Portal from the time of initiation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme or Judicial Infrastructure in 1993 till date.
5.	Digitization	To share regular updates on the status of digitization in Commercial Courts.
6.	Compiling database of District Judges	To share the relevant Information with DoJ.
7.	Linking of land records database with eCourts	The State Government official to submit the report regarding this since the High Court has already provided in-principle approval for the same.

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Apart from the Action Points pertaining to All States		
Sr No.	Issues	Action Point
1.	Utilization Certificate	To submit the pending UC of Rs 2.44 Crore (2019-20), as well as releases made in subsequent years.
2.	PFMS	To send a detailed report on the implementation of PFMS facility.
3.	Geo-Tagging	To upload and Geo-Tag on the Nyaya Vikas portal all the projects completed under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Judicial Infrastructure since its initiation in 1993 till date.
4.	State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC)-	To share a copy of the order constituting the SLSC.

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE (NORTH) DISTRICT
ROHINI COURT COMPLEX DELHI

No. 11527-11533 /F1(7)/Judl/North/RC/2021 Dated :- 18/10/21

Copy & its enclosure forwarded with the request to send the requisite information to this office positively by 21.10.2021 till 2.00 P.M. for its onward transmission to Tis Hazari HQ Delhi :-

1 The ACJ/CCJ/ARC, North District, Rohini Court Complex, Delhi.
2. The Officer In-Charge, Computer Branch, Rohini Court Complex, Delhi.
3. The Officer In-Charge, General Branch, Rohini Court Complex, Delhi.
4. The Officer In-Charge, Digitization Branch, Rohini Court Complex, Delhi.
5. The Officer In-Charge, Administration Branch-I-II-III, North District, Rohini Court Complex, Delhi.
6. The DDO, Accounts Branch, North District, Rohini Court Complex, Delhi.
7. PS to Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge, North District, Rohini Court Complex, Delhi.

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