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As you may be aware that the Digital India Programme is a flagship programme of the Government of India with a vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. Approach & methodology to be adopted for implementation of Digital India Programme includes promotion of e-Governance, delivering citizen centric services in decentralized manner, digitization of processes and replication of successful models with the required productization and customization.

With an objective to facilitate digitization of functioning of Legislative Bodies, Government of India has launched two Mission Mode Projects (MMPs), e-Sansad at Central Level and e-Vidhan (Paperless Assembly) at State Level. Necessary funding by the Central Government would be provided for both the MMPs. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India is the 'Nodal Ministry' of these MMPs. Rolling out e-Vidhan will make huge savings in respect of use of papers & other overhead expenditure like printing, postage etc. and will lead to faster communication & decision making.

Already some States/Union Territories have made good progress in the field of automation of their Legislatures. However, to take up uniform, standard and systematic implementation across all States Legislatures, it is required to have a single common multi-lingual web & mobile generic application with local add-ons and disabled friendly features by incorporating the best practices adopted across the States/UTs so as to bring all the State Legislatures at par and also to provide e-services to the Hon'ble Members of Legislative Bodies.

Himachal Pradesh has already successfully implemented e-Vidhan Project. Important features of e-Assembly module of HP e-Vidhan are as follows:-

- i) Question System is automated and Questions are sent online to Departments, who sent their reply online;
- ii) Various Reports are laid online;
- iii) Provision for e-voting by MLAs;
- iv) Time taken by MLAs during discussions in the House is recorded digitally event wise and displayed on LEDs in the House to maintain discipline & decorum;
- v) Multipurpose touch screen panels have been installed for each Member in the House;
- vi) Facility of Video Conferencing.

Under e-Constituency Management module of HP e-Vidhan, MLAs could access the data related to their respective constituencies for the services relating to Public Grievances, Public Works, Offices & institutions and Correspondences.

In order for this project to succeed, it is necessary that the eco-system of the State/ UT administration is ready to adapt electronic platform, so that both the Legislature and Government Departments could communicate electronically.

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To facilitate implementation of this project in the States/ UTs, it is requested that a policy decision may soon be taken in this respect, if not already taken, encompassing both the lower and upper House, as the case may be.

I would be grateful, if you could kindly nominate a Senior Officer from State / UT Government, preferably Principal Secretary/Secretary, Parliamentary/Legislative Affairs as 'Nodal Officer' and communicate his/her particulars including his/her mobile number and e-mail to me at my mail ID by 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 positively.

*Warm regards*

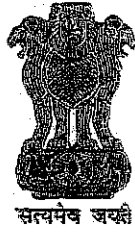
Yours sincerely,

  
(Prabhas Kumar Jha)

To

The Chief Secretaries  
All States/ UTs with Legislatures

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Dear Basudeb Banerjee,

e-Vidhan is a Mission Mode Project to digitize and make the functioning of State Legislative Assemblies without paper. This is part of the broader digital India Programme which is a high priority programme of the Government of India. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has been notified as nodal Ministry for e-Vidhan project. Himachal Pradesh Assembly is the first one which has already become paperless after execution of the pilot project. This has resulted in a saving of about Rs.3.5 crore per year which was spent on paper.

We had earlier requested to you to nominate a nodal officer for rolling out e-Vidhan Project in your State. However, we have not heard from you in this regard.

I would be grateful if you could convey the contact details of the nodal officer nominated by you for the Project.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Rajiv Yadav)

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