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In the age of digitization, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (MoPA) is going to make the functioning of Legislatures paperless through National e-Vidhan Application, a Mission Mode Project, also a part of Digital India Programme of Government of India. Ministry is making its best effort to roll out National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) covering 40 Houses of Legislature including two Houses of Parliament.

In this direction, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has developed the web as well as mobile application “National e-Vidhan Application”. NeVA aims to assist the Members of the Legislatures to use the latest ICT tools for preparing themselves for participation in the Legislative debates and law making process. The project involves backend computerization of all branches of the Secretariats, Business Process Re-engineering of identified services, capacity building and training of the Members of the Legislatures and respective Officers and other officers of the Government Departments, setting up of e-facilitation centres to assist the Members, delivery of public services through public portals.

NeVA is Member-centric Application which addresses day to day functioning of the Houses covering List of Business (LOB), Notice, Bulletin-1, Bulletin-2, Starred/ Unstarred Questions including reply by the Ministries/ Departments (Q&A), Bills for Introduction/Consideration & Passing, Synopsis of Proceedings, House Proceedings-Verbatim, Committees Reports, Rules & Procedures, Digital Library, Provisional Calendar, Reference material, Rotation of Ministries, Contacts, Budget, Press Releases along with a secure page for each Member of the House for submitting Questions & other Notices online including mobile.

A presentation on National e-Vidhan Application was made by Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs to Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice-President of India & Chairman Rajya Sabha on 07.05.2019 at 11.00 a.m. in Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Conference Hall, Vice President's House, New Delhi.

Secretary, MoPA vividly elucidated about the NeVA's key features along with its background, scope and objectives that distinguish it from the various other projects run by the Government of India under Digital India Programme. Secretary, MoPA gave the detailed account of the objectives, merits, action plan, the design of the web application and the mobile application. He also emphasised on the core idea behind the adoption of this application that will outperform various applications developed till date. The participants were informed as to how the digitization, availability and applicability of information could save precious time, money, energy and resources of the Houses and its members and thus increase their efficiency manifold. He reiterated the fact that the central purpose of the application to serve the members will prove to be worthwhile as far as strengthening of democracy is concerned. NeVA will also help Chair in management of the House via House Management Applications. This single application has been designed in a way that has the potential to replace the applications presently running in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat for which a collective and collaborative effort from both the Houses is called for. Secretary, MoPA, advocated for a collective involvement of both the Houses with the NeVA Team to address all the issues confronting the parliamentary procedures and to make it a successful project.

This application is open for use by the Legislatures as well as by the Government Departments. More than 20 Officers from Vice-President's Secretariat & Rajya Sabha Secretariat attended the presentation. Vice-President of India & Chairman, Rajya Sabha appreciated the initiative and efforts made by MoPA in the direction of digitising the legislature through the development of the NeVA application and directed Rajya Sabha Secretariat Officials to explore the possibilities of using NeVA in the functioning of Rajya Sabha. Chair was of the view that both the Houses may sit together to explore the NeVA and project their additional requirement if any to MoPA for customising the NeVA accordingly. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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