

Chapter-19

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES / e-GOVERNANCE

19.1 The Ministry has taken steps for implementing e-Governance with the aim of bringing transparency and improved efficiency in its working. The following aims and objectives have been identified for the scheme:-

- Strengthening and upgrading the present infrastructure of IT.
- Extension of Ethernet LAN covering all the divisions/sections of Main Ministry (for about 350 nodes).
- Procurement of servers and software to equip computer center with state-of-the-art-technology.
- Procurement of software to run & manage the network and create & manage the database.
- Procurement of clients and software to make front end functional for the user.
- Upgrading the technical skills of the users.
- Bring transparency in the functioning by placing the information to the extent possible on Internet in public domain.
- Creation of comprehensive database on the subjects dealt by the Ministry and making accessible also to the field offices at remote locations out of Delhi, at all hours of the day.
- Interlinking the functioning of the different offices to bring about decision-making.
- To free officials of the Ministry from routine and repetitive functions to increase their usefulness and effectiveness.
- Development of Public Grievance & Complaint System.
- Availability of forms and information on the net and facility of filling of application from remote locations at all hours.

- Development of web enabled applications to achieve the essential goals of the e-Governance.
- Developing management information data base for personnel working in the Ministry.

19.2` The outlay for this scheme is of Rs.800 lakh for the 10th Plan. The allocation will remain within 2% to 3% limit of the Ministry's funds as mandated by the Government for expenditure on IT implementation.

19.3 The IT Scheme is being implemented at the offices of the Ministry at Delhi. In the 10th Plan, it is to be extended to the subordinate/attached offices at Delhi and other field offices outside Delhi. This would require development of web-enabled applications, which would also enable the officers of the Ministry on overseas assignment/conferences to access the information from Internet enabled laptops so as to make interventions effective.

19.4 The progress of the scheme is being regularly monitored by the IT Committee and Project Review Sub Committee headed by Joint Secretary and IT Manager, Dir (IFD), representative of NIC as members. IT Manager assists and manages the planning, execution and review of the Plan scheme. The Project Review Sub Committee periodically reviews progress of the implementation of the Scheme in the Ministry, overseas resource allocation, identifies the problem areas and suggests remedial/alternative action plan for the development and implementation of the application software modules as per the set targets.

19.5 Some of the current initiatives of the Ministry of Labour & Employment in the area of e-Governance are as follows:-

Physical Targets/Achievements during 2005-06 upto December , 2005 :

COMPUTERIZATION OF CHILD LABOUR SECTION

19.6 Software is also being developed for the Child Labour Section so as to capture reports directly from the Project Societies, which would not only help in speedy updation of data but help in more effective monitoring. The anticipates expenditure in this regard will be Rs.3.50 lakh

TRAINING

19.7 In order to build capacity, officers as well as staff are being provided regular training in appropriate computer skills with the help of NIC. We plan to cover all officers at the level of Director/DS for developing Power Point presentation skills and Assistant level staff in basic computer skills within this financial year.

COMPUTERIZATION OF LDRC

19.8 Apart from above, it is also proposed to computerize the Library of the Ministry. It is learnt that over one lakh

books, journals etc. are in the library at present. A software is being worked out so as to enable entry/issue and inventory of books, journals etc. may be made through computers which would not only help in effective functioning of library but also help in more effective monitoring. The anticipated expenditure in this regard will be anticipated about Rs.6-8 lakh

LAN CONNECTIVITY ETC.

19.9 The Right to Information Act ,2005received the assent of the President and notified on 21.6.2005. As per Chapter-II Section 4(1), every authority is required to maintain all its records duly catalogued and indexed in a manner, so as to facilitate the Right to Information under the Act. In this regard, it is emphasized that all information warranted under this Section should invariably be available on the web-site of this Ministry. For the effective implementation of Section 4(1) of the Act, availability of the LAN in each Section/Unit/Cell and with each officer of the Ministry will be a priority. It is also proposed to computerize some Sections of the Ministry housed in S.S. Bhawan and Jaisalmer House as well which are Modernized/being Modernized under the Modernization Scheme of DOPT besides computerization of some of the important sections/division of the Ministry viz. Child Labour division, Administrative Divisions & Parliament Unit etc.
