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Date and Time : 10th April 2024, 8 pm IST

Meeting Attendees :

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Agenda : Present the findings and work done in the past few weeks related to the Legal Assistance Tool and understand future steps.

Discussion/Demonstration Done :

1. The working of the web interface with updated features which included the feature to selectively add or delete necessary queries on the user’s discretion.
2. Issues regarding inconsistent query outputs, incomplete case statement output and case sensitivity of keywords searched.
3. The issue of having a static dataset and the possibility of updating it with new cases using the Indian Kanoon API.

Recommendations :

1. Pass an index object rather than a Dataset object while querying to try and fix errors.
2. Dataset should ideally be standardized and the casing should be fixed to allow for predicted working in scenarios with negligible difference (e.g. when the keywords are the same but the letter case may be different).
3. Proceed with a static dataset, however continue searching for a free source for database updates.
4. Clearly document the cause of inability to currently update the database with new cases, including sources discovered, reasons for rejection of use and other supplementary details.
5. Consider consulting other sources like the HPCC Stack Overflow in case of errors or doubt.

Actions to be Taken :

1. Investigate on the methods suggested to fix the querying errors.
2. Standardize the database letter casing (i.e. lower-case or upper-case) to prevent ambiguity.
3. Document the cause for using a static dataset.