GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ELECTORNICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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INTEGRATING MODULE WITH E-COURTS

3318. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Informatics Centre is in the process of integrating the module directly with e-courts and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether such system will generate alerts and the issue will be flagged to the stakeholders immediately and the senior officers will be alerted so that measures can be taken and the trial is not delayed, if a public prosecutor demands adjournment;
- (c) whether the Government will also track investigations into sexual assault cases in the country every two months through its analytics tool and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether in the Investigation Tracking System for Sexual Offences, Officers will get alerts whenever a public prosecutor seeks a stay in a criminal case and to keep a watch on Government lawyers handling criminal cases; and
- (e) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TEHNOLOGY (SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) to (e): eCourts provides ICT support to the Judiciary including High Courts, District and Subordinate Courts and citizens/litigants/lawyers/advocates. It has been developed by NIC under the guidance and directions of eCommittee, Supreme Court of India. eCourts System sends SMS to stakeholders like litigants and advocates only regarding next date of hearing once court proceedings are over on a particular day. No such module is in place in eCourts or under process which sends alerts to stakeholders, if a public prosecutor demands adjournment or seeks stay in a criminal case more than twice.

However, alert facility is operational for all types of cases including sexual offences in the eProsecution System which is operational in Public Prosecutor offices, where auto alerts are generated to the senior prosecution officers only when a Public Prosecutor requests for two or more consequent adjournments in a case. Investigating Tracking System for Sexual Offences (ITSSO) is the tool developed under ICJS (Inter-operable Criminal Justice System) for monitoring of sexual offence cases where the investigations are completed in within two months or not.
