GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ELECTORNICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 550

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DEVELOPMENT OF UNIFORM VIDEO CONFERENCING PLATFORM FOR COURTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

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Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:-

- (a): whether there is currently any proposal regarding in-house development for a common video conferencing platform by National Informatics Commission for High Courts/District Courts to facilitate ease of access to justice as physical functioning of courts continues to remain suspended;
- (b): if so, the details of the same and intended date of operationalization; and
- (c): if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

- (a): Under the eCourt Project all ICT Solutions have been developed in-house by National Informatics Centre (NIC) whereas VC solution has been procured from the third party and hosted on Cloud at National Data Centre, Delhi as on-premise solution to ensure the security of the data and to keep the data under the complete control of NIC. Recently, under the Atma-Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has selected a few *Made in India Videoconferencing solutions* through Innovation Challenge. National Informatics Centre (NIC) is entrusted for evaluation and study of suitability of these solutions for its usefulness in the Courts' function. On finding suitability and acceptance, these solutions could be used for High Courts and District Courts to meet their requirements.
- (b): Expected timeline of evaluation, testing and commissioning of above solutions as per suitability is about 10 to 12 weeks.
- (c): Does not arise.
