

## PRESS NOTE

In furtherance to its commitment to provide Citizen Centric and transparent services to the litigant and general public, the High Court of Punjab and Haryana has achieved one more mile stone in making available Case Status and Status of Copying Applications available to the litigants/applicants through SMS with the IT support of National Informatics Centre. Whenever after filing of a new case, its status would change through out its journey, a system generated auto SMS would be fired which would reach at the mobile number registered in the system. Similarly an SMS would be sent on filing of a petition seeking supply of certified copy. Subsequently status of preparation of the copy including the Court fee required would be communicated through SMS. After delivery of the copy, a final SMS again would be sent to inform the applicant that certified copy has been delivered. This service would be extended to all conceivable fields wherever the public is interested to know the status of the case/application so as to make the judicial working more and more transparent.

Another concept of Digital Case Management System (CMS) has been successfully tested in which user names and passwords had been provided to the Bar Members by allowing them login facility to our Website. While using the CMS, an Advocate may fetch the data of his/her own cases to create a virtual cause list of its own cases minus all other cases so as to remain abreast with the essential parameters of a pending case. After successful testing of the CMS application, its scope has been enlarged by offering the logins to the Government and the Private Departments and Universities etc. so that there is no scope left to not attend a case pending in the High Court. The entire procedure to obtain the login IDs has been displayed on the website. Any institution interested to get access to CMS may apply for the same.

e-filing of the cases has been successfully tested for Tax Matters and Protection Matters. Now we want to extend e-filing to the remaining fields.

For the ease of going through the filed case, Hon'ble Judges have been provided access to the Document Management System (DMS) through Virtual Private Network (VPN) instead of supplying the data to them through pen drives so that the Hon'ble Judges may go through the cases to be listed before them in soft form at their Home Offices. This concept has a potential to provide facility to address the Court from remote locations. It would also help Copy Branch to deliver copies of documents instantly.

Soon process of data synchronization of all the decided cases which have been scanned, would be completed so as to make available all Judgments online.

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