

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL MISSION FOR JUSTICE DELIVERY AND LEGAL REFORMS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has been implementing the National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof; and
- (c) the achievements made under the Mission so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) to (c) The overall goal of the National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms is timely delivery of justice and enhancing accountability through structural changes. The National Mission was set up in August, 2011 and has a time frame of five years. The major initiative under the National Mission relate to Infrastructure Development for Subordinate Judiciary and Computerization of Courts. The Central Government has provided financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 2,198 crores to State Governments and Union Territories for upgradation/ construction of court complexes and residential units for judicial officers in the last three years. Under the eCourts Project 13,323 courts have been computerized by 31st October, 2014. Computerization of courts would enable the courts to exercise greater control over management of cases in the docket. It will also provide designated services to the litigants and the lawyers. In order to reduce government litigation in courts the Central Government has encouraged the States to notify their litigation policies which contain provisions for weeding out infructuous cases and promote dispute resolution through alternative mechanisms. The Government has also identified the areas prone to excessive litigation for adopting suitable policy and legislative measures to curb such litigation. As a result of the concerted efforts made by all stake-holders the increasing trend of pendency of cases in subordinate courts has been checked.