GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE)

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2174 TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 10th DECEMBER, 2021

Common Video Conferencing Platform

2174.MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of **LAW AND JUSTICE** be pleased to state?

- (a)whether it is a fact that various District Courts across the country are presently using a variety of platforms to conduct hearings through video conferencing, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Ministry plans to bring about uniformity in the same by introducing common video-conferencing platform that can be made available to the States to facilitate ease of access to justice in all the District Courts of the country, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

- (a): Yes Sir. District courts across the country are using different platforms to conduct hearings through video-conferencing (VC). The details are at Annexure.
- (b): Introduction of a common VC platform in the courts is desirable from the point of view of uniformity as well as data security protocol subject to the platform having the capacity to optimally function. Presently a common solution of VC platform named BHARAT VC managed by NIC is only available for government departments.

<u>Annexure</u>

Statement referred to in reply of LokSabhaUnstarred Question No.2174 for 10/12/2021 regarding Common Video Conferencing Platform. The High Court-wise list of Video Conference applications used in District Courts:

S. No	High Court	Video Conferencing applications used in District Courts
1	Allahabad	Jitsi Meet
2	Andhra Pradesh	Blue Jeans
3	Bombay	Zoom, Cisco WebEx, Jitsi Meet, Google Meet, Whats APP
4	Calcutta	Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet, Whats APP
5	Chhattisgarh	Vidyo Connect, Jitsi Meet, Google Meet
6	Delhi	Cisco WebEx
7	Gauhati - Arunachal Pradesh	Jitsi Meet
8	Gauhati - Assam	Vidyo Connect, Jitsi Meet, Google Meet
9	Gauhati - Mizoram	Vidyo Connect, Cisco WebEx, Jitsi Meet, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet
10	Gauhati - Nagaland	Jitsi Meet, Google Meet
11	Gujarat	Zoom
12	Himachal Pradesh	Vidyo Connect, Zoom, Cisco WebEx, Jitsi Meet, Google Meet
13	Common High Court for UT of Jammu and Kashmir &Ladakh	Zoom, Jitsi Meet, Whats APP
14	Jharkhand	Vidyo Connect, Cisco WebEx, Jitsi Meet, Google Meet, Whats APP
15	Karnataka	Vidyo Connect, Zoom, Jitsi Meet, Microsoft Teams
16	Kerala	Google Meet, WhatsApp, People link application for remand extension provided by Prisons Department, Government of Kerala, Google Duo
17	Madhya Pradesh	Cisco WebEx, Jitsi Meet
18	Madras	Microsoft Teams
19	Manipur	Cisco WebEx, Jitsi Meet
20	Meghalaya	Vidyo Connect, Jitsi Meet, WhatsApp, Bharat VC
21	Orissa	Vidyo Connect, Jitsi Meet, Google Meet, WhatsApp, Skype
22	Patna	Microsoft Teams
23	Punjab and Haryana	Vidyo or Vidyo Connect
24	Rajasthan	Microsoft Teams
25	Sikkim	Vidyo Connect, Jitsi Meet
26	Telangana	Cisco WebEx, Jitsi Meet
27	Tripura	Vidyo Connect, Zoom, Google Meet
28	Uttarakhand	Vidyo Connect, Jitsi Meet, Google Meet
