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LEGAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
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LIMBS a complete Web Based Litigation Monitoring Application

Technology is an important aid to strengthen the rule of law and administration of justice. Technology has displayed significant potential for promoting certainty in procedure, transparency, curbing arbitrariness ensuring equality and promoting inclusion. All over the world technology is being carefully integrated with national judicial system. The Ministry of Law and Justice of Government of India also has taken initiative to incorporate the usage of ICT in management of Union of India (UoI) litigation by implementing the Legal Information and Management Briefing System (LIMBS) for concurrent monitoring of entire process of litigation from Central Government's perspective.

LIMBS is a simple and innovative web-based application which utilizes standard template with well-defined fields for storage, categorization and search of legal cases and documents, managing timely administrative procedures and audit trail which in turn brings uniformity in administrative norms in the entire chain of UOI litigation.

LIMBS has been implemented in all Ministries of Government of India, its departments and attached offices and it has brought all the stakeholders viz. users, Nodal Officers of the various Ministry/Departments, advocates etc. on a single platform. LIMBS stores information about types of courts, tribunals and even arbitration cases on a single database.



Technology and Rule of Law

Information Technology along with power of internet is being widely used to strengthen the principle of Rule of Law and good governance, simple and automated procedures, custody of records and case management, have replaced manual procedures ensuring higher degree of accuracy, consistency and timeliness of action through an integrated system, which is customized to cater to the requirement of the Central Government.

Online technology helps in creation of relevant database which is helpful for data driven decision making. Technology increases the efficiency of justice system, legal transparency and ensures rendering substantive justice, reduces and monitors financial burden. Besides, web-based application is well optimized for consistent handling of numerous transactions without being prone to various types of human errors. They are easily able to record all actions taken with sequence of events, generating a clear evidential trail for purpose of monitoring.





LIMBS

Summary of initiative

LIMBS is an innovative, easy to access online tool to monitor the court cases on 24x7 basis in a more transparent, effective and proactive manner during the entire life cycle of a litigation. LIMBS an initiative of the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice in association with NIC has been implemented in all the Ministries of GOI and their Departments, attached offices and Autonomous bodies. LIMBS seamlessly integrates all the stakeholders viz. users, nodal officers, advocates, to upload the latest information which is concurrently available on real time basis on this single unified platform.

LIMBS is acting as catalyst to improve legal and administrative governance in the Government of India. Easy to access tool enables all Ministries, their departments and attached/subordinate offices to enter case wise litigation data. They have uploaded more than 12.33 lakh court cases till 25.04.2025. Presence of more than 7207 empaneled advocates on the platform enables the application to fetch the latest information directly from court websites. LIMBS enables standard GUI screen to capture basic information of court cases and also provides an elaborate set of user-friendly reports which allows higher authorities as well as dealing hands to concurrently monitor the status of court cases. User driven SMS alerts are instrumental in sensitizing the concerned officials. System generated SMS alerts are also sent to advocates, users and concerned officers about the forthcoming court cases so that no case goes unnoticed.

LIMBS also captures arbitration cases right from internal processing of the dispute at ministry level followed by nomination of arbitrators, and subsequent daily proceedings etc. The Department of Legal Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat, Niti Aayog and PMO can access court cases details on LIMBS. Central Agency Section (CAS) of the Department of Legal Affairs also identifies and enters the details of important cases filed before the Supreme Court. Various research bodies such as Indian Law Institute can also access information available on LIMBS platform for research and study purpose.

Main Features of LIMBS

- ◆ Dashboard based platform with advanced data analytics.
- ◆ Separate domain to enter and monitor Administrative Mechanism for Resolution of Commercial Disputes (AMRCD) cases. Also, reports can be generated under 'MIS Report' tab.
- ◆ Facilitates monitoring of cases, uploading of fee bill by Law Officers, Panel Counsels and advocates.
- ◆ **Generation of Reports** - Report generation in different formats is a unique feature of the portal
 - **Dashboard:** On Dashboard, users can view litigation status of concerned Ministry viz., total no. of cases entered, pending cases, disposed of cases, cases pending for compliance, important cases, contempt cases, counsel wise top 10 cases, subject wise pending cases etc.
 - **MIS Reports:** Users can view statistical reports or summary reports viz., case status wise summary, case category wise summary, financial implication wise summary, court wise summary, decided cases summary, total report, total member list, dispute referred cases, disputes not referred cases, total arbitration cases, total raised bills, total nodal officers list, total user list, etc.
- ◆ **Advanced Search** - By this powerful utility, users can search the court cases through various fields- Ministry/Department, court details, case category, financial implication, case status, party name, advocate, system date, case date, next date of hearing/judgment date and brief history.
- ◆ **Important Cases** - Nodal Officer has the facility to mark cases as 'Important' after taking approval from the Secretary. Also, users can view important cases of concerned Ministry/Department under Important Cases tab on the dashboard.



- ♦ Nodal Officers and Local Admins can activate newly registered users of concerned ministry /departments /sub-Departments /autonomous organizations/ CPSEs, etc. They can change profile of users who have retired or transferred and can delete wrongly entered or duplicate cases.
- ♦ **Data Entry of a new case and Case Updation** - Users can enter new cases using 'New Entry' tab on dashboard. They can update last hearing dates using 'Enter Proceedings', next hearing dates and can upload relevant documents relating to a case using 'Compliance Entry' under 'My Court Cases' tab. Also, users can edit or add basic detail of cases viz., CNR no, advocate name, mobile no, brief history etc.
- ♦ **Add Progress** - Users can add day to day progress of the cases and display its details on the web page.
- ♦ **Transfer of Cases** - Users of one Ministry/Department can transfer cases to other users of same Ministry/Department or to nodal officers of other Ministries.
- ♦ **Arbitration Cases** - Users can enter details using 'Case Entry' tab and can view entered cases using List under 'Arbitration' tab.
- ♦ **Advocate Login** - Presently, advocates can login their accounts and can enter new cases. Further, advocates can update last hearing dates, next hearing dates, transfer cases by marking status 'This is not my case' to the respective user, send message to respective user who is dealing with the case and can raise bill online.

Presently in LIMBS following sub-modules/links have SMS Alerts:

- **New User:** After filling all the fields, one clicks the 'Add Users' button. A SMS alert goes to the user informing that registration has been done successfully.
- **Forgot Password:** After clicking 'Forgot Password' link available on the home page, user will provide information as to 'User ID', 'Registered Mobile No', 'Captcha Code' and click onto 'Submit' button, a system generated password will be received to the user through SMS alert on his mobile number.
- **Multi-Ministry/Multi-Party cases entries** by concerned Ministry/Department.
- SMS alerts are also sent to advocates, users and concerned officers about the forthcoming court cases.
- ♦ **Exception Cases** - The exception cases are the cases in which Exceptions/errors related to court, advocate detail, Case Category, case status, financial implication, case date and last date of hearing. To update the exceptions/errors, a sub- module has been developed.

Progress made so far in upgradation of LIMBS

- ♦ Facility of CNR number (unique 16-digit number generated in every case in e-Courts website) has been added. Now, users can search their cases using CNR number.
- ♦ Direct integration with Tribunals websites through APIs for minimizing errors of Manual entry of cases.
- ♦ **Security Audit** - Third party Security Audit of LIMBS application has been completed.
- ♦ **Case Number Record Report** - CNR reports for entered cases are generated.
- ♦ Integration of LIMBS with e-Office has started. Ministry/Department user can initiate advice from LIMBS website to DOLA. The Advice sections send uploaded advice to corresponding JS of the said Ministry/Department.
- ♦ **Regular LIMBS Workshop** - LIMBS team provides training to Ministry/Department users through online/offline mode.

Future expansion of LIMBS

- ♦ Integration with Hon'ble Supreme Court database through API
- ♦ Integration with remaining Tribunals: Close coordination with NIC HQ team for API Linkage for remaining 5 Tribunals is in process i.e. AFT, NCDRC, IPAB, CGIT and Appellate tribunals under SAFEMA (Revenue).
- ♦ **SMS alerts for following users:**
 - SMS alert to the user for exception cases
 - SMS alerts for contempt cases to the users, concerned officer and nodal officer
 - SMS alert to the Nodal Officer if Important Cases are not updated.



Outcome

Impact/benefits resulting from LIMBS

The benefits of LIMBS include digitizing of the litigation matters for effective and proactive monitoring of court cases for entire life cycle, right from inception of court case to the final judgment in a transparent manner; introducing the sense of awareness; unified database ensures integrity of data and avoids multiple entry; ownership of data promotes accountability etc.

LIMBS is an example of 'maximum governance with minimum government' by bringing all the stakeholders on a single platform and ensure their accountability in litigation management. Standard templates for data entry, uniform nomenclature and easy to access features, make LIMBS a popular application. Data driven decision-making, performance audit, research on certain important court cases, analysis of stumbling blocks in entire litigation process are few features of LIMBS to promote good governance.

Role of LIMBS in promoting ease of monitoring of UoI Litigation:

Government of India while dealing with court cases is facing multifaceted problems. It may be the specific reasons of losing an important court case by government; calculation of time and money in dealing with litigation case by a contesting ministry; how to reduce the number of litigations; review of policy/laws which are creating more litigation etc. LIMBS makes an attempt to provide solutions to these problems by creating unified database; standardizing template; through a low-cost web-based solution which has wide access by all the concerned person to capture information at source; concurrent monitoring of court cases by higher authorities; data analysis to help administration through data driven decision making etc. With the help of LIMBS implementation team, number of workshops, seminars, hands holding sessions and user training programs are being conducted currently, and users are familiarized about the salient features of LIMBS, so as to improve adaptability and popularity of the application amongst the users.





Present impact of LIMBS

As we are aware the judicial system of India is under stress due to various reasons viz. bottleneck in infrastructure, lack of manpower, delay in adjudication process and other qualitative shortcomings. LIMBS is acting as a catalyst to bring perceptible improvement in monitoring of court case from the perspective of Ministries/Departments and attempt to integrate it with e-court application, will provide a complete and holistic solution to the problems related with the judicial system. LIMBS uses unified database, standard templates and common nomenclature to eliminate the confusion and ambiguity in dealing with court cases. SMS alerts to advocates, users and concerned officers ensure that no case escapes attention. The MIS reports have improved the working of legal cell in various Ministries/Departments.

LIMBS has thus revolutionized the litigation monitoring system of UoI by introducing accountability, ownership, cohesiveness among the users across the Ministries and improving transparency by entry of the necessary information on this web application.

Conclusion

The LIMBS application is a shining example of benefits of web-based application to strengthen monitoring of UoI litigation. The Government users have found the LIMBS application extremely effective in monitoring the court cases, ensuring timely intervention on behalf of UOI calculating the burden on Government exchequer and improving efficiency of government machinery for ensuring good governance.