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To: All High Court Judges/All Judicial Officers and Presidents of Labour Tribunals

REQUEST TO SUBMIT VIEWS ON COURT AUTOMATION AND DIGITISATION PROJECT

The attachment forwarded herewith, delineates a list of features that are proposed to be facilitated under the project referred to above. Upon consideration of the same, you are kindly requested to submit your views as to whether any additional 'features' should be added to the said list. As the finalisation of the comprehensive list of features has to be reached before the stage of procurement, you are further requested to submit your views/observations to info@jsc.gov.lk (Judicial Service Commission Secretariat Email Address) on or before 28th June 2021.

Under the Command of the Judicial Service Commission,

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**Technology wish list on Digitisation and Court
Automation**

**Digitisation and Court Automation Sub – Committee of the Special Unit of
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1. Mr. Navin Marapana, President's Counsel – Chief Legal Advisor
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Technology wish list on Digitisation and Court Automation

1. E-Filing of documents and new cases – reduce delay and ability to confirm service of documents digitally.
2. Document archiving system. Old case records to be stored digitally.
3. Proper maintenance of case records through a digital case management system with online, real time updating of diaries.
4. Issuance of electronic versions certified copies of journal entries and case records.
5. Reduce the need to visit registries and queueing for registry services.
6. Implementation of a digital payment system, through an online portal or digital App, to settle any registry fees, costs imposed by Court, fines imposed by Court or any other relevant payments
7. Legal resources and Online Library facilities.
8. Digital Appeal Briefs – reduce cost and paper consumption whilst providing Judges and Attorneys-at-Law to work with and manage the case record in novel ways (e.g. bookmarking and hyperlinking relevant pages etc.)
9. A channel of contact for Registered Attorneys-at-Law to communicate with each other with the ability to confirm the receipt of notices and messages through a digital timestamp system.
10. Standardisation of diaries, whereby scheduling conflicts with other Courts are avoided, and the ability to add the next date of a case automatically to a digital diary which would in turn be updated in real time across the diaries of all relevant parties (Judges/Counsel/Instructing Attorneys).
11. Ability to view case records remotely, in a digital format, according to the various access level granted to users.

12. Implementation of world-class hardware, software and network security features to guarantee the integrity of the entire system. With back-up and redundancy features.
13. Ability to give evidence remotely (i.e. Court may sit physically, and the witness may join virtually to give evidence from a location outside of the Court premises) especially for official witnesses. (Land Registry etc)
14. Ability to conduct Court proceedings virtually and seamlessly. (i.e. involving limited to no physical sittings of Court)
15. Ability to monitor the performance of various registries and obtain statistics for reporting. (e.g. number of pending cases and time taken for each case)
16. Implement a new Sri Lanka Standards (SLS) protocol which would be given for processes (e.g. speed of issuing proceedings etc.) and the ability to monitor progress against this standard.
17. Easy to use and simple to understand user interface, backed up by robust, scalable and feature-rich software, which can be upgraded to keep up with technological advancements
18. Comprehensive training programmes for Court staff, Attorneys-at-Law and all other relevant stakeholders.
19. Mobile app to link other services and stakeholders (e.g. Prisons, Police stations etc and the BASL.)
20. The ability for the general public to verify, daily Court proceedings and, where permitted and deemed appropriate, view live Court proceedings remotely.
21. A system with an easy user interface that is simple to understand and operate with minimal training but should be powerful and scalable to meet future improvements in technology.