Chapter - III
Reforms Measures and Policy   Initiatives

1. **Decentralization**

   - The Department has two Attached Offices, two Statutory Organizations and seven Autonomous Societies besides three section 25 companies under its control to carry out the business allocated to the Department.

   - NIC has undertaken Introduction of Information Technology in about 13000 District & Subordinate courts across the country. Under this project every Judge in the country has been provided with appropriate IT facilities with personalized training at his/her own court. About 2500 court complexes are in the process of getting electronically interconnected. Many innovative initiatives which have been successfully implemented in the higher judiciary are lined up for rollout in the lower judiciary. These proposed initiatives include: e-Filing, up-to date online case status, availability of Judgments and Orders on web, personalized cause lists for advocates and courts, Digitally signed certified copies, etc. With equal emphasis on providing litigant centric services, these steps are expected to transform the Indian judiciary bringing enhanced confidence in common litigant

2. **Simplification & Transparency**

   - An Intra-DIT –Portal for G to G and G to E Services is already operational in DIT and provides services like on-line file tracking, Project monitoring, Expenditure monitoring, Parliament questions/answer, knowledge management (Library, E-Magazine, Newspaper/News). All Dynamic forms related to Personnel, Store, Finance, ACRs, Annual Property Return (APRs) are made available to DIT users at Intra DIT portal.
   - Intra DIT - Scope enhanced by hosting (i) Online Complaint Monitoring System, (ii) On line IT Calculation Performa for all the employees, (iii) E-profile containing the detailed resume of the employee, (iv) Enhancement in EDBS (Electronic Display Board System) by incorporating one new Hindi Word daily under the heading *"TODAY'S HINDI WORD"* in addition to information regarding general meeting/workshop/seminar, (v) Incorporation of Utilization certificates applications and different reports of expenditure for Project Coordinators and IFD. Some privilege User can view the details (e-profile) of all the employees.
   - Designed, Developed and hosted "On-Line Application form for selecting/short listing Potential Service Centre Agency (http://www.mit.gov.in/csc)" for establishment of 100,000 Common Service Centres (CSCs) across the country.

Department of Information Technology (DIT) Website

- The main website of the Department http://www.mit.gov.in/ is very content rich. The site is aimed at creating better awareness of Indian Electronics and Information Technology industries, globally. The site contain information about DIT and its organizations, investment opportunities, technology and application development, human resource development, infrastructure facilities, production and exports data, guidelines for R&D, Telemedicine Draft Guidelines, IT Act 2000, Semiconductor Act 2000, Vigilance, Tenders, List of Technologies / Products developed under financial support by DIT, DIT's publications and the links to other sites of interest in the country.

- The website has been designed as per norms of World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) and is also inline with the guidelines prescribed by Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG), Govt. of India. The information on the website has been presented in a manner that is easily comprehendible and navigable. The process involved presenting the complex information on this site in the simplest manner and in the least number of clicks.

3.   **Monitoring Mechanism of the Projects/ Schemes:**

The Department of Information Technology (DIT) is a Scientific Deptt. mandated for Development and Promotion of Information Technology through out the country. It undertakes a large number of R&D projects and provides financial support to various implementing agencies viz. autonomous societies/R&D institutions/universities etc. for implementation of the projects. To ensure that the projects/programmes become "outcome oriented" the EFC/SFC formats include the "outcome para" in the memorandum.

Budgetary position in figures i.e. total budget outlay under the scheme, expenditure incurred and the balance provision are clearly indicated while submitting the proposal for approval/release of funds. The funds are released in installments. A checklist in this regard is also submitted with the project proposal.

For proper implementation of the schemes and for obtaining "meaningful outcome" from different programmes/schemes it has been emphasized that the project proposals of various institutions/organizations must be specifically moved through Head of the Institution concerned. The projects which are funded by this Department are first considered in terms of its relevance by the Working Group which is composed of national level experts in the different areas. Once it is recommended by the Working Group the same is considered for sanction through the Standing Finance Committee (SFC)/Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) route.

To ensure that the programmes are implemented in right direction Project Review & Steering Group (PRSG) is constituted for each of the project which consists national experts including JS&FA or his representative who review the utilization of funds released. The PRSG is constituted while the project is approved or within seven days of the approval and the first meeting is convened within thirty days of the sanction of the project. The PRSG hold minimum three meetings in a year so that the project is not only closed in time but also is enabled to achieve its objectives/outcome. The PRSG examines the utilization of funds released for the intended purpose with the desired outcomes to the project, utilization of physical assets and manpower and suggests to improve project management and programme implementation. On reviewing the progress/achievements of the project the PRSG recommends for the next installment of grant. The second and the subsequent installments of grant is released by the Department only after obtaining the utilization certificate of earlier release. This mechanism is working well and is putting emphasis on "outcome".

4.   Accountability:

- Outlays and outcomes for each programme are being fixed and monitored.
- Time frame and intermediate milestone have been fixed are being monitored.