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## **The Law Ministry's e-Courts project has digitalized more than 637 crore pages of court documents.**

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The Union Law Ministry told the Rajya Sabha on Thursday that the e-Courts Mission Mode Project had digitized over 637 crore pages of court documents from India's High Courts and district courts.

As of December 31, 2025, around 236.96 crore pages had been digitized in High Courts, while 400.89 crore pages had been digitized in district courts nationwide, according to Minister of State for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal's written response to a query posed by CPI (M) MP AA Rahim.

***The Law Ministry admitted that before Phase III of the project was implemented, digitization levels were low. Before the current phase started, 21 High Courts had only digitized 5.9% of heritage court records, according to the detailed project report (DPR).***

Currently, Phase III plans to digitize around 3,100 crore documents, including both current and legacy information. According to the response, a Digital Preservation Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been created to regulate the scanning, storing, retrieval, and long-term preservation of judicial records.

***According to the Ministry, Phase III also suggests creating a paperless court infrastructure, which would include specialized software programs that would enable***

***judges, attorneys, litigants, and the general public to access digitally scanned and e-filed case data.***

Regarding finance, the Ministry said that High Courts received ₹1,164.37 crore in total under Phase II of the e-Courts initiative (2015–2022).

Between 2023 and 2026, the government disbursed ₹2,473.8 crore under Phase III. This comprises:

***NIC, BSNL, the Supreme Court e-Committee, and IIT Madras received additional funding for technical assistance, connectivity, training, and the creation of digital platforms.***

As part of the digitization effort, the Law Ministry also revealed widespread usage of video conferencing and virtual courts.

Nearly 9.81 crore challans had been processed through virtual courts in various states as of December 31, 2025, and approximately ₹973 crore in fines—mostly for traffic and transport offenses—had been collected.

***According to the response, courts nationwide have heard more over 3.93 crore cases via video conference, including roughly 97.89 lakh cases in High Courts and 2.95 crore instances in district courts.***