

COMMUNIQUE OF SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT INDIA MAURITIUS TASK FORCE ON E-GOVERNANCE 23rd – 26th MAY 2011

The Second meeting of the Joint India Mauritius Task Force on e-Governance was held in New Delhi, India from 23rd to 26th May, 2011 based on the Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Information and Communication Technology of the Republic of Mauritius and National Informatics Centre Services Inc. (NICS) of the Republic of India.

The Joint Task Force was co-chaired by Mr. S. K. Pather, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology and Mrs J. R. D. Kailay, Managing Director, NICS respectively.

The Joint Task Force was attended by the following members:

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| 1. Mr. S. K. Pather | Permanent Secretary, MICT, ROM |
| 2. Mr. R. Hawabhay | Acting Director, Central Informatics Bureau (CIB) |
| 3. Mr. V. Pertaub | Senior Prisons Officer, Mauritius Prisons Service |
| 4. Mrs. Napaul | Second Secretary, Mauritius High Commission |
| 5. Mrs. J R D Kailay | Managing Director, NICS |
| 6. Sh. Rajiv Chauhan | DGM, NICS |
| 7. Sh. Ravindra Kumar | DGM, NICS |
| 8. Sh. Rajender Sethi | Senior Technical Director, NIC |
| 9. Sh. N. S. Arneja | Senior Technical Director, NIC |
| 10. Sh. Vikas Agarwal | PSA, NIC |

The objective of the Second Joint Task Force was to move forward with e-Prison Project implementation and seek other areas of cooperation in the following e-Governance sectors:

- Networking
- Smart card Technologies
- Certifying Authority
- Capacity Building

E-Prison

The Mauritian delegation along with the concerned task force members from NIC & NICS visited the Headquarters of Prisons Department at Tihar. The prison system of NIC was demonstrated to the Mauritian delegation. The specific requirements given by the Mauritian side were examined and reached convergence on these needs such that the Prisons Management Information System be fully responsive.

Other e-Governance Initiatives

The possible new areas of cooperation were identified like Capacity Building, Networking, Smart card based applications, and alliance with NIC Certifying Authority. For the purpose of Capacity Building, the Mauritian Side proposed that consideration be given to the possibility of:-

- (i) Resource Persons from NIC/NICSI to be sent to Mauritius to dispense specific training sessions;
- (ii) NIC/NICSI accommodating Officers from Mauritius for targeted training attachments; and
- (iii) Should the need arise, NICSI extending Technical Assistance for the Mauritius National Identity Card (MNIC) Project on terms and conditions mutually agreed upon.

Further communication in these areas will be initiated.

The Joint Task Force expressed its appreciation to the representatives of the National Informatics Centre, Unique Identification Authority of India, Prisons Department, for the warm hospitality extended to all delegates and facilities placed at their disposal that made this meeting a success, especially for giving the opportunity to the Mauritian Delegation to have a comprehensive insight of the identification infrastructure being set up by the Unique Identification Authority of India.

Mrs J. R. D. Kailay, MD, NICSI thanked members of the Task Force and Mr. S. K. Pather, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Republic of Mauritius invited the Indian side to Mauritius for participating in the next meeting of the Task Force in October 2011.

New Delhi, India
26th May 2011