



# **IMPLEMENTATION OF EVIDHAN IN HIMACHAL PRADESH VIDHAN SABHA**

## Abstract –

Implementation of eVidhan in Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha  
The Vidhan Sabha or Legislative Assembly is one of the highest government body in India. Our team from SBL worked in sync, with the officials of Vidhaan Sabha, to create a Windows .Net based application for the digitization of house proceedings. The project involved detailed study of the internal operations, understanding the questions process and other Sabha operations including the Law making process.



## Customer –

Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha - Shimla, The major stake holders in the system are as follows:

- Hon'ble Assembly Speaker, Deputy Speaker
- Hon'ble Members and Ministers
- Officials of Legislative Secretariat
- Government Administrative Secretaries
- Officials of Government Departments
- Citizens

## Challenges –

- Majority of Hon'ble Members of Assembly were not tech-savvy and required to be trained to use computers and tablets. But the very paper-like user interface of eVidhan application helped them to learn using the system relatively quickly
- The Officials of government departments were more comfortable dealing with paper files, but the benefits in terms of quick accessibility of data and secure workflow helped them to bind on to the new system easily
- All the data processing is in real-time prior to a day's session starts in the Assembly. A dedicated team handles the assimilation of information in the central server which will be then pushed to Desktop, web and Mobile applications to make it available for Hon'ble Members on time

## Reform Areas –

The main focus in eVidhan is to improve the Legislation process and citizen participation in Democracy in the country through concept of e-Parliament and eDemocracy thereby Legislatures become more transparent, accessible, accountable and effective in promoting democracy. The following focus points were identified:

- Improvement of ICT skills among Legislatures
- Networking and creation of an information society
- Access to Internet for Hon'ble Members to make more effective functioning
- Improving reliance on ICT tools for public participation
- Engagement of parliament by the public through interactive communication technologies Parliamentary material to also be available in visual and other formats
- Ability to disaggregate public inputs geographically by constituency

## Benefits –

- Environment friendly measures for reducing papers usage
- Re-engineering Legislative Process
- Public website accessible my Citizens, in which the data related to every aspect of Legislation process in the State will be available automatically.
- Automated processes to facilitate Legislation within the Legislature Secretariat
- Deployable to any state as the whole project is conceived to be a product with more than 80% productization in place.
- Versatile Mobile and web applications to facilitate easy communication within various groups such as Public & Members, Officials and Members etc.