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Shri Vijay Goel, Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation inaugurated the Online Assurances Monitoring System (OAMS), developed by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, in Room No. 63, Parliament House, New Delhi at 11.30 a.m. on 9th October, 2018. Secretary, Joint Secretaryand other officers of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Officers from Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Lok Sabha Secretariat and different Ministries/Departments the Government of India were present. This system has made Assurances given of the floor of the House of Parliament fully digital and paperless.

Henceforth all assurances being culled out by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs through e-Office would be reflected on this system (OAMS) and Ministries/Departments, Lok Sabha Secretariat and Rajya Sabha Secretariat would communicate for all purposes through this system like sending Implementation Reports, request for dropping, request for extension and decision thereon. Physical Communication would not be accepted now onward.

Different Ministries while giving replies to questions or making statements in Parliament, give assurances on the floor of the House. The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs culls out such assurances from the proceedings of the House based on the guidelines for this purpose and then sends the extract of those assurances to the concerned Ministries for their fulfilment.

In fulfilment of assurances, various problems arise due to human factors and also due to non-compliance of guidelines making the process less transparent. Three different modules in Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs were respectively running and there was mismatch of data. Hence, the need arose for an Online Assurances Monitoring System(OAMS) to track the exact status of pending assurances and also to expedite their fulfilment.

Based on suggestions received from the officers of different Ministries/Departments and officers of Rajya Sabha Secretariat and Lok Sabha Secretariat, above software has been developed by this Ministry keeping in view the existing guidelines and prevailing practices.

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs also undertook a capacity building exercise by imparting training on operation of this software to 84 nodal officers

of various Ministries/Departments on 24.4.2018 and 01.5.2018. IDs and passwords were provided to these nodal officers during training.

Since 2007, a total of 26833 Assurances given by the Ministers on the floor of the Houses were culled out by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, out of which 21439 Assurances have been fulfilled and 1903 Assurances have been dropped leaving a total of 3491 Assurances still pending for compliance. This figure is also available on the web portal of OAMS (oams.nic.in).