

Brief description regarding significance of e-Gazette in J & K Government

Gazette is a Government periodical publication which contains Government Orders, National Awards, General Statutory Rules, Statutory Orders, Government Bills, resolutions, Acts, Statutory Rules and Orders in its various Parts, Sections and Sub-sections.

Gazettes are of two types viz. weekly and Extraordinary. The Govt. Gazette Weekly is brought out every week whereas the Extraordinary Gazette is brought out as and when required by the concerned Ministers/ Government Departments.

Keeping in view the importance of the Gazette document, it was felt that our State may switch over to the Electronic Gazette format popularly known as “e-Gazette” of the Government, so that these are available online repository in a second environment.

State Government / UT Gazettes:

About 19 State Govt. /UT Govt. have made efforts in making available their gazettes in electronic searchable format. The number of gazettes published in e-format, Search on e-gazette, presentation style varies from state to state. E.g. Andaman & Nicobar website has posted only 13 Gazettes in a tabular format without any search. State of Andhra Pradesh has published 3158 Gazettes which can be search on various parameters such as Issuing authority, Gazette Type, Gazette Part; Job No., Gazette Number, Date and searchable format. Chhattisgarh has published just 9 pdf file without any search. Delhi Government has also published about 1090 e-gazettes in a tabular format without any search facility. Unfortunately J & K State yet to switch over to e-Gazette.

Thus there is no standardization in presentation, information structure, search criterion etc. in making available Gazettes in the electronic format on the World Wide Web.

Need of e-gazette: Since the Gazette is the legal necessity and thus they need to be preserved and made available to the public at large. All the Gazettes are being published by the GOI at the centre by the

Department of printing, MoUD and the State Printing and stationary Department are responsible for the State Govt. Gazettes. A large number of Gazettes are printing on daily basis. The physical paper copies of the Gazettes get deteriorated with the passage of time. Also searching a particular Gazette requires herculean efforts/ time from the printing books. Therefore, it is required to make available Gazette in electronic searchable format and accessible through the World Wide Web.

In order to get a bigger picture of the e-gazettes:

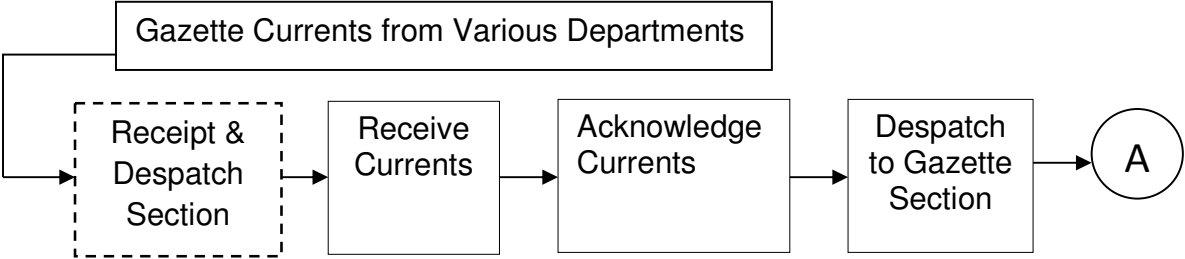
- ✓ **We need to build the blue prints of the entire Gazette enterprise.**
- ✓ **We need to study the problem at greater length.**
- ✓ **We need to define the vision / requirement statement.**
- ✓ **We need to define the goal which is to be achieved.**
- ✓ **We need to identify the various stakeholders.**
- ✓ **We need to identify the information architecture.**
- ✓ **We need to define the business rules.**
- ✓ **We need to define the Output.**
- ✓ **We need to define the State-wise variations of terminology used**
- ✓ **We need to define the technology architecture to build a robust nation-wide e-Gazette portal which can serve the purpose of all stakeholders and public at large.**

Format of Digital file e-gazettes:

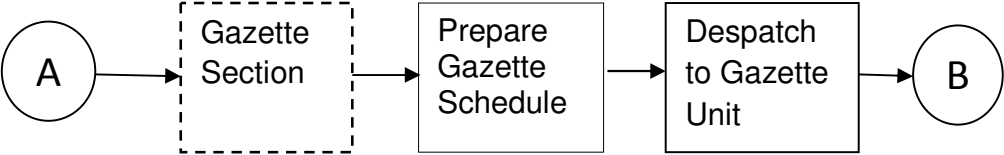
We need to standardize the format of Digital Files of e-Gazette. Since we need to make online archives of the Gazettes, we need to store the documents in the ISO standard archival format. Although there are large number of file formats are available, but we need to use the format which is future proof. Full text Pdf/A as such standard which require only a fraction of the memory space of original TIFF files, without loss of quality. The smaller file size is especially advantageous by electronic file transfers (FTP, e-mail attachment, web downloads etc.) the full text Pdf/A allows efficient text search in entire archive. Moreover, Pdf/A files can be optimized. Another advantage of the Pdf/A file format is that metadata like title, author, creation date, modification date, subject, keywords etc. can be stored in a Pdf/A file. Pdf/A files can be automatically classified based on the metadata, without requiring human intervention.

Steps and Flow Diagram of E-Gazette to be adopt

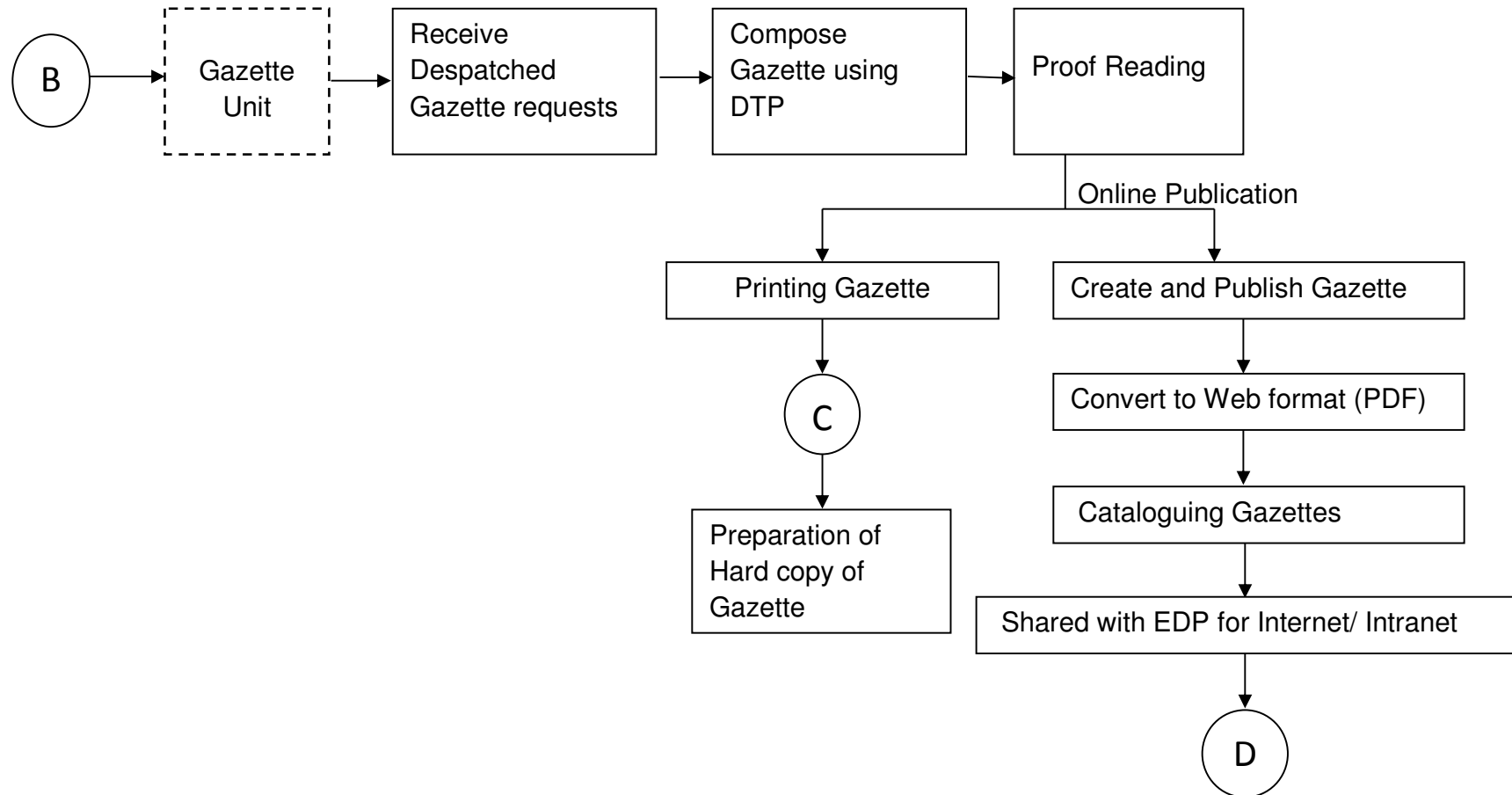
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Step 2

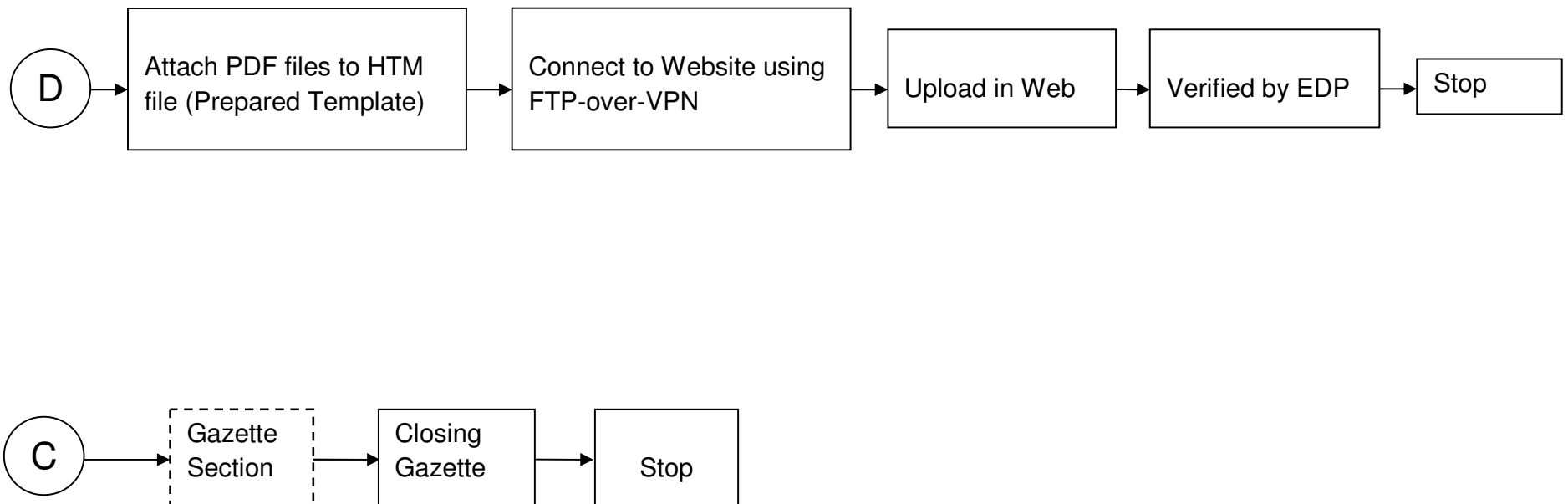


Step 3



In association with NIC

Step 4



Further Steps for e-Gazette

- **To widen accessibility of the Gazette Notifications all the Ministers and Govt. Departments have to make request to send hard copy, manuscript alongwith soft copy to enable simultaneously uploading.**
- **The hard copy motioned are formalized and sent for printing whereas the soft copy material after formalizing checked for type size, font and style and after putting numbers sent to the approver for further checking.**
- **Approver authorizes the uploading.**
- **After scanning interlinking the printing pages are converted into PDF format and indexed along with 6-8 different attributes prior to uploading on the e-Gazette website.**
- **A dedicated cell to be created for uploading Gazette Notification of previous year.**