

Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records” (FASTER) system by Supreme court

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In news—Recently, the Supreme Court has introduced the Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records (FASTER) system.

Background

In July, 2021, the Supreme Court bench, headed by the Chief Justice N V Ramana announced the plan to set up a system for swift and secure electronic transmission of its rulings to jail authorities so that prisoners who have been granted relief are not left waiting for a certified order copy in order to be released.

About FASTER system

- FASTER system **proposes transmission of e-authenticated copies of the interim orders, stay orders, bail orders and record of proceedings to the duty-holders** for compliance and due execution, through a secured electronic communication channel.
- The system is **meant to ensure that undertrials are not made to wait for days on end behind bars** to be released because the certified hard copies of their bail orders were late to reach the prison.
- The system would also **prevent unnecessary arrests and custody of people** even after the court has already granted them its protection.
- It may even **communicate a stay on an execution ordered** by the final court on time.

- **The Rules and Handbook on Practice and Procedure of the Court enable the Registry to transmit a certified copy of the judgment or order** either in physical or electronic form.