

Sr. No.	Recommendation	Response (Yes/No/NA)	Supporting Materials
334	Merge payment of court fees and process fees into a single transaction/procedure	NA	

E-Payment of Court Fee and Process Fee is operational. Court fee is levied by the state government under the Gujarat Court-fees Act 2004, whereas in case of process fee, the charges are fixed and methodology of collection is administered by the High Court. As there are two separate Authorities for court fee and process fee, the merger of these two will be possible only after the below mentioned actions.

1. Section 4 of Gujarat Court-fees Act, 2004 may be amended to provide that an additional fees at the rate of 1% (or such amount as may be decided by the Government in consultation with the High Court) of the Court fees payable on any document shall be payable together with the payment of Court fees and the same shall be used to meet the charges required for issuance of processes.
2. It may further be provided that such fees to be paid along with the Court fees shall be refunded in the event of return of plaint etc. as may be directed by the concerned Court.
3. Section 32 of the Gujarat Court-fees Act, 2004 shall be deleted.
4. Rules 157 and 158 of the Gujarat High Court Rules which relate to the process fees and references to process fees in the Gujarat High Court Rules elsewhere shall have to be deleted.

The above has been taken up by the State Government with the Gujarat High Court. However, the matter being legal and requiring concurrence of the High Court, it is not in the hands of the State Government to take the decision on its own in order to implement it. The State Government shall implement it after receiving the concurrence of the High Court, which is likely to take about 6 months.

