Technology for Transparency in Asset Declarations

Sharing Experience on Bhutan's Asset Declaration System

Regional Seminar

Government Incentives for Corporate

Anti-Corruption Compliance







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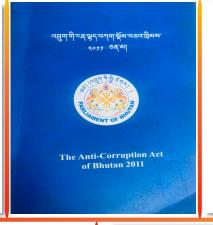
Civil Service Act of Bhutan 2010



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Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2008





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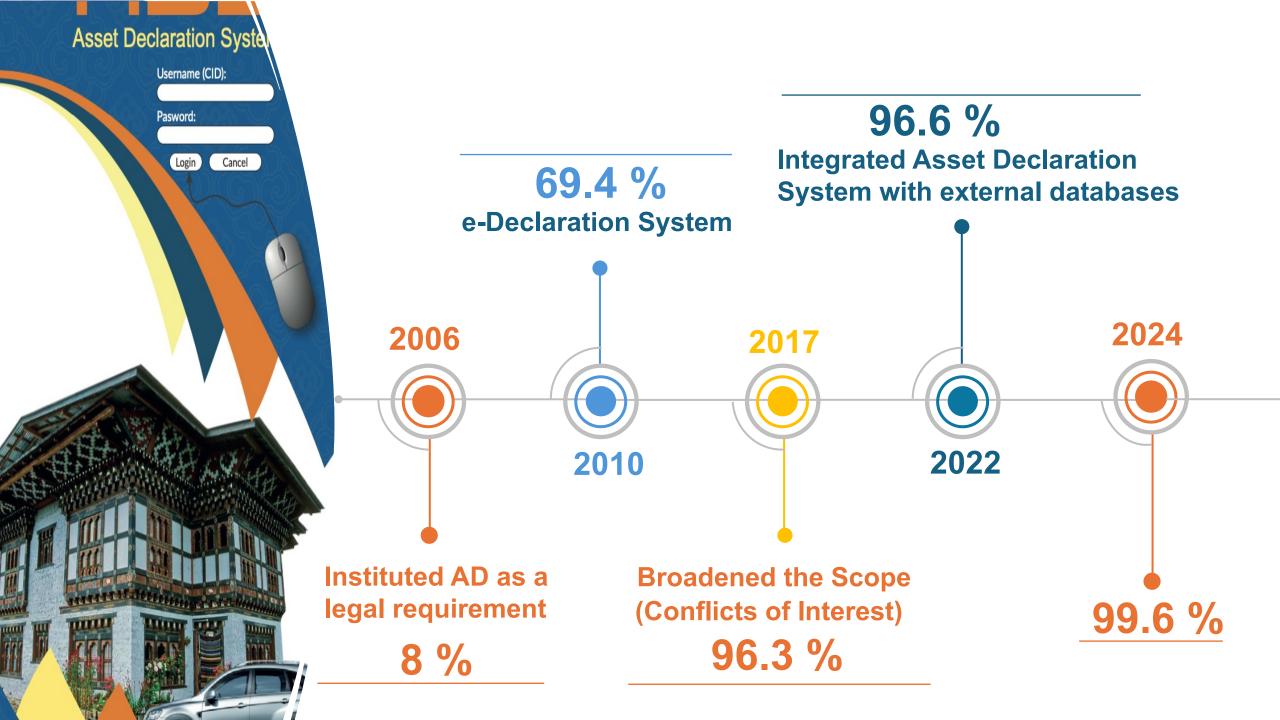


The Asset Declaration Rules 2022

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Asset Declaration

A fundamental component of public service ethics and accountability



Asset Declaration Framework

Institution





Civil Service

Corporation

Armed Forces

Judiciary

Civil Society Organizations

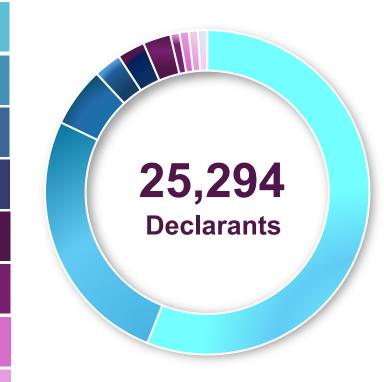
Local Government

Members of Parliament

The Holders of Constitutional Offices

Religious Organizations

Registered Political Parties





Report



Head of Agencies



The Prime Minister & the ministers

The Holders of Constitutional Offices

The Chief Justice & the Judges, Ambassador

Secretaries to the government

Heads of Armed Forces



Other public servants based on the position &

SOs/NGOs

Schedule II Declarants

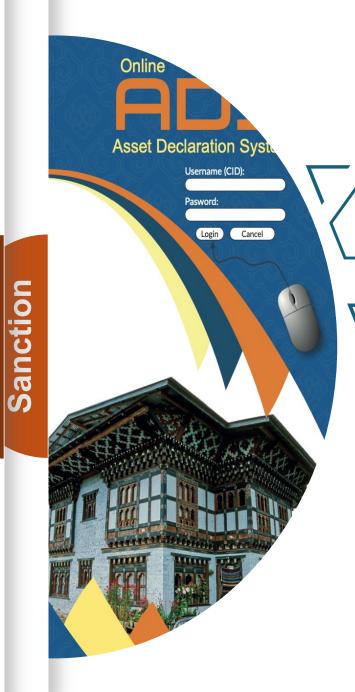
Schedule I Declarants

nstitution Scope 1 Assumption of Office

2 Annual Declaration

3 Vacation of Office

Frequency Institution Coverage Scobe



Assets

Income

Liabilities

Expenditure

Additional Employment

Post Employment Plan

Content
Frequency
Institution

Scope

Late Declaration of Assets

Possession of illicit wealth

Non-Declaration of Assets

Failure to declare Conflict of Interest

Incomplete Declaration

False Declaration with a view to conceal

Fines and Disciplinary Action

Sanction



AD information is maintained confidential

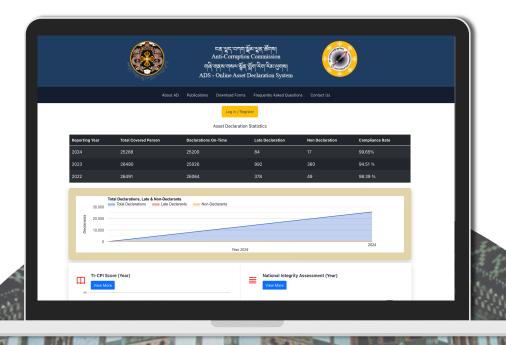
Access is given upon written application



APPLICATION FORM: ACCESS TO ANY COVERED PERSON'S ASSET DECLARATION (AD)

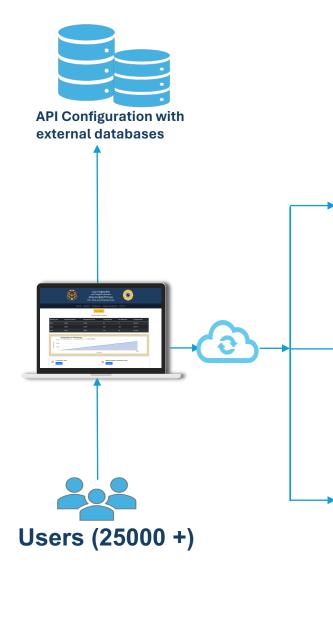
| 1. | Details of Applicant |
|----|--|
| a) | Name: |
| b) | Citizenship Identity Card / Permit No: |
| c) | Date of Birth: |
| d) | Occupation:(if employed, Name of Agency) |
| e) | Permanent Address: VillageGewogDzongkhag |
| f) | Land Line /Mobile No: |
| 2. | Details of Covered person (whose AD is being accessed) |
| a) | Name: |
| b) | Citizenship Identity Card / Permit No: |
| c) | Name of Employing Agency: |
| d) | Designation: |
| e) | Land Line /Mobile No: |
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Sanction Content Frequency Institution Coverage



Administration & Management (Online AD System)

https://.ads.acc.org.bt



Functional Features

Filing Declarations





Automation



Payment





gateway & OTP

In-built User-interfaces

Security & Storage



Store/Retrieve data **Access Control Audit Trail**

Administration & Management



Document/Generate

&submit reports





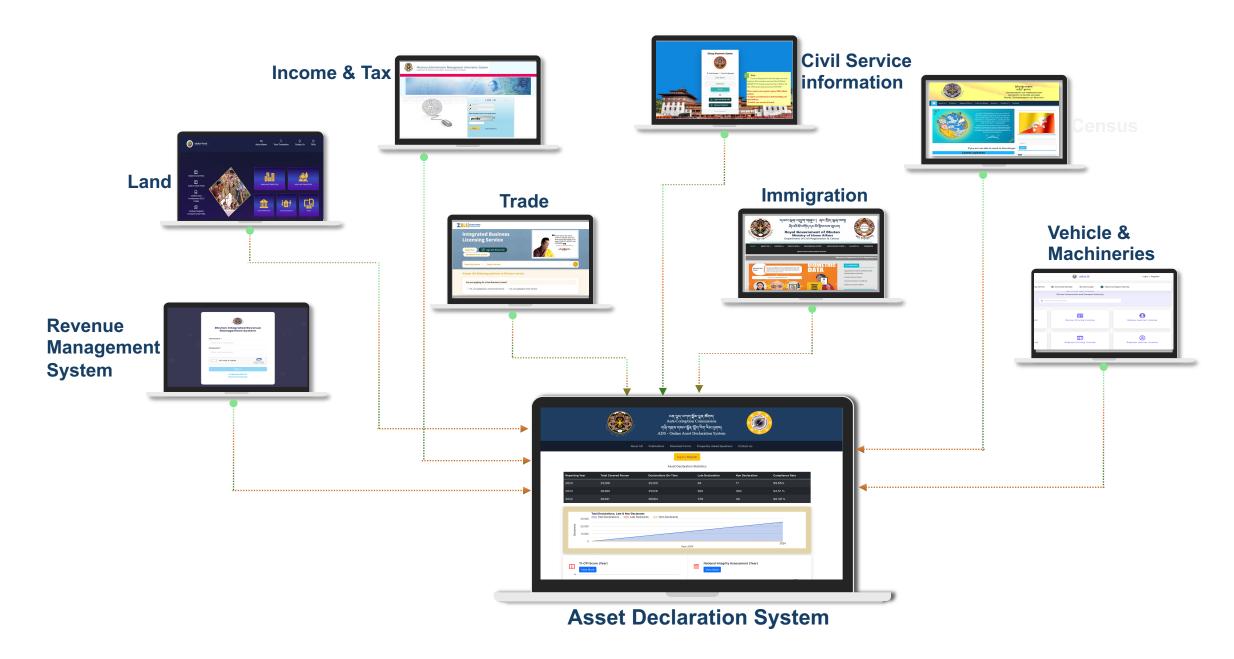
Query/Retrieve & **Export Data**



Compliance Check & auto calculation of Disproportionate Assets



Integration with external databases



Impact of the use of Technology

Accessibility & Compliance to Submission Requirements

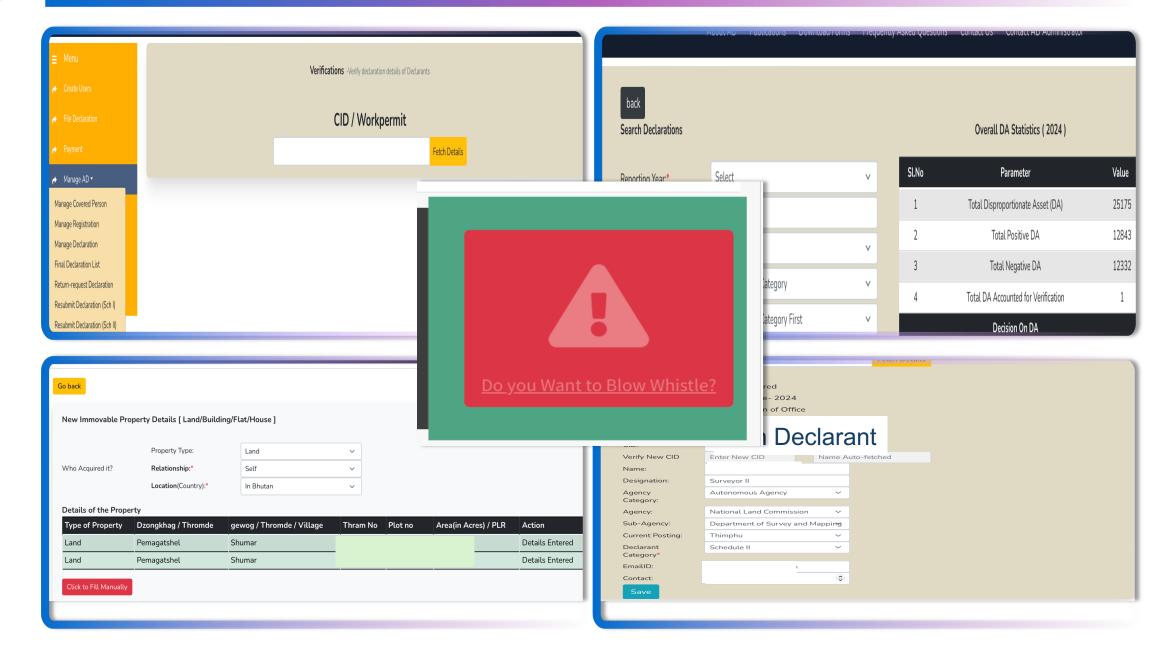


100 % of the declarants file assets online

81.45 % Average



Data Integrity and Enforcement



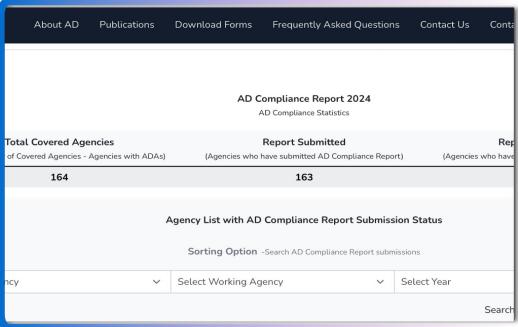
Transparency and User Accountability

| Reporting Year | Total Covered Person | Declarations On-Time | Late Declaration | Non Declaration | Compliance Rate |
|--|----------------------|--|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2024 | 25293 | 25197 | 86 | 19 | 99.62% |
| File Declaration Click here to Declare your Assets. File your Income, Assets, Labilities and | · · | Declarations AD C | Reports ompliance Report on Taken Report | | |
| Expenditures annually. | | DA R | eport prehensive Report | | |

| ADA/HOA | | |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| ♦ Select Sub-Agency | Select Sub-Agency | |
| User Role | Status Action | |
| Asset Declarant | Active Activity Log | |
| Asset Declarant | Activity Log | |
| | ◆ Select Sub-Agency User Role Asset Declarant | |

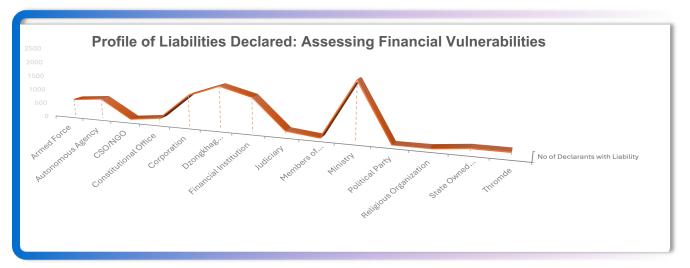
Documentation and Data Security

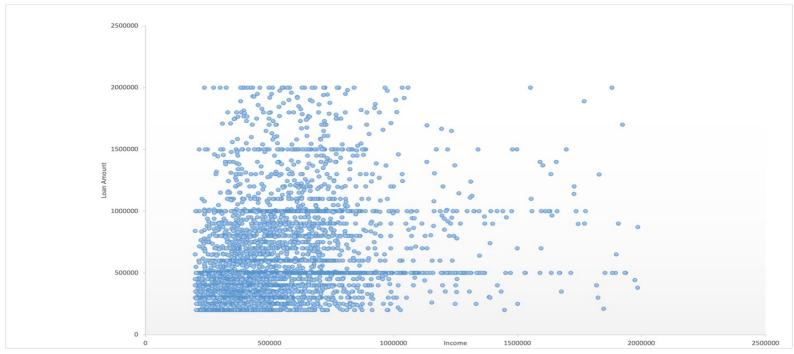






Data Analysis and Assessment





Challenges



Verification and Assessment

- ✓ Limited in-house Resources
- ✓ Limited means of verification
- Online ADS: Limited data analytic functions
- ✓ Assessment of Conflict of Interest is yet to be explored

Ownership & capacity of Agencies

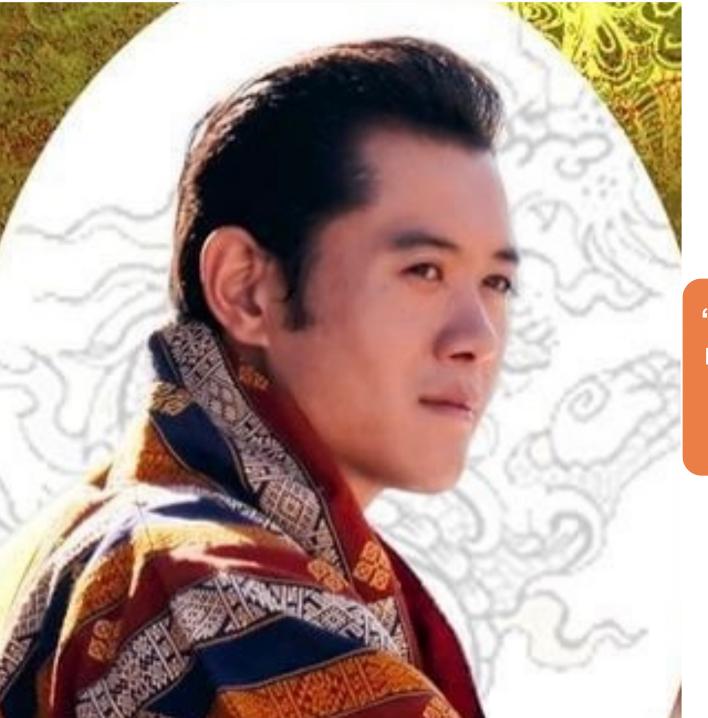
✓ AD Administrator as an additional role

Weak public awareness and Support

Sanctions Imposed/Charged

| Year | Corruption Offences | No. of Officials charged |
|-------|--|--------------------------|
| 2008- | Disproportionate Asset | 22 |
| 2022 | Failure to declare Conflict of Interest | 5 |

| Year | Penalty collected for late & non declaration | No. of officials imposed penalty |
|------|--|----------------------------------|
| 2021 | Nu. 1.96 million (USD 23,520) | 43 |
| 2022 | Nu. 2.40 million (USD 28,800) | 414 |
| 2023 | Nu. 5.70 million (USD 63,600) | 905 |



"Corruption is unambiguous-there is no great or small corruption. And no one can be above the law."

His Majesty the King

