

**April, 2024**

1.	<p><b>Chairpersons/Secretaries of District Legal Services Authorities</b> will convene with representatives from Financial/Banking Institutions, Insurance Companies, etc., to address the identification of cases, with a particular emphasis on NPA/Negotiable Instruments Act cases of Banks/Financial Institutions, etc., within their respective districts for the upcoming <b>National Lok Adalat on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.</b></p> <p>Emphasis be made only those <b>NPA cases</b> in which parties i.e., bank and defaulters actually appear before District legal services Authority concerned for Pre-Lok Adalat settlement.</p> <p>Establish <b>mechanisms</b> for <b>monitoring</b> the implementation of settlement agreements post-Lok Adalat. Follow up with parties to ensure adherence to agreed-upon terms and facilitate any further assistance or clarification required.</p> <p>Conduct <b>public awareness campaigns</b> to educate borrowers about the benefits of participating in the National Lok Adalat for resolving NPA/pending bank recovery cases. Emphasize the advantages of timely resolution, including potential relief from legal proceedings and improved creditworthiness.</p> <p>A report detailing the progress held during the meeting, including the number of identified cases for the intended purpose, should be prepared on weekly basis.</p>
2.	<p><b>Meeting/Interaction</b> of Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities and the Chairmen, District Legal Services Authorities/Sub Divisional Legal Services Committees with <b>Bar Association, Stakeholders, Banks, Insurance Companies, Financial Institutions, NGOs and other Government Departmentson</b> day to day basis regarding maximum identification of cases. The emphasis should be on low amount cheque bounce and MACT cases at Pre and Post litigation stage(s) for the upcoming National Lok Adalat on <b>11.05.2024.</b></p> <p>Stress should also be made on the <b>Land Acquisition Cases.</b></p> <p>Targets may be given to PLVs for identification of cases for National Lok Adalat and also to mobilize general public to bring maximum numbers of cases for the National Lok Adalat.</p>
3.	<p>A <b>virtual meeting</b> of Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities and the Chairmen, Sub Divisional Legal Services Committees with Para Legal Volunteers manning Village Legal Care and Supports for identification of cases for upcoming <b>National Lok Adalat on 11.05.2024.</b></p> <p>Targets be given to PLVs for identification of cases for National Lok Adalat and also mobilize general public in their respective Panchayat(s) to bring maximum numbers of cases for upcoming <b>National Lok Adalat on 11.05.2024.</b></p> <p>Report be made how many cases identified by Para Legal Volunteers for upcoming National Lok Adalat on <b>11.05.2024</b></p>
4.	<p>➤ The <b>Chairperson(s)</b>, DLSA(s) to supervise the identification of cases being referred by the Courts within their respective divisions, for the National Lok Adalat.</p> <p>➤ <b>Video Conferencing</b> of Chairperson(s), District Legal Services Authorities with all Judicial Officers of the Civil and Sessions Divisions regarding progress in identification of cases for National Lok Adalat, may be convened.</p>
5.	<p>Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities to organize Legal Awareness Programmes for Jail Inmates by associating Legal Aid Defense Counsels through virtual/physical mode on the following topics:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Right of Prisoners and corresponding duties of the Jail custodians in ensuring the protection of their right.</li> <li>➤ Plea Bargaining</li> <li>➤ Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by NALSA</li> <li>➤ Pre-mature release of convicts.</li> <li>➤ Parole</li> <li>➤ Furlough, etc.</li> <li>➤ Strengthening of Legal Services in Prisons</li> <li>➤ Supervise how FASTER PROTOCOL regarding bail matters is being followed.</li> </ul> <p>Secretary DLSA to interact with Jail Inmates, convicts/under trials and provide them legal Aid/Assistance as may be required for defending the case, filing appeal or seeking bail, pre-mature release, parole, furlough etc.</p> <p>The Human Rights of prisoners must be taken care of while visiting jail(s).</p> <p>Bail(s) matter of Under Trial Prisoners should be aggressively pursued by the District Legal Services Authority.</p> <p>While conducting inspection of jails, must see to it that the basic facilities are guaranteed to all the prisoners.</p> <p>Effective coordination with concerned Courts/ Jail Authority in their respective District to solve grievances of Jail Inmates, convicts/under trials with reference to problem(s) faced by them if any and apprise and assist eligible convicts for pre-mature release as per rules by accessing to the descriptive roll (portal 'Kaara-Correction')/directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court from time to time in the matter of SMWP(CRIMINAL)N04/2021 titled <b>IN RE POLICY STRATEGY FOR GRANT OF BAIL/SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL(Cr.)NO.529/2021 titled SONADHAR VS STATE OF CHATTISGARH</b></p> <p>Record of Legal Aid/Assistance provided be maintained.</p> <p>Defects and Deficiencies pointed out during such inspection be Record of Legal Aid/Assistance provided be maintained.</p>
6.	<p>Observation of “<b>Observation of Intellectual Property Rights Day</b>” on 21st April, 2024. Suitable programmes to be organized with the concerned Department at District and Sub-Division level.</p>
7.	<p>To organise <b>Training Programme for newly inducted Para Legal Volunteers for Legal Services Clinics in Jail(s)</b> as per modules of Training programme for <b>Para Legal Volunteers</b> framed by the NALSA by associating Senior Advocate(s) of their respective District as a Resource person through virtual/physical mode.</p>
8.	<p>Visit and interaction with <b>Inmates of Old Age Home(s)/Senior Citizen Home(s)</b> by Secretary, DLSA in compliance of <b>NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016</b>, wherever possible <b>Law School/ PLVs</b> may also be associated.</p> <p>Targets be given to PLVs for identifying beneficiaries under the aforesaid schemes for legal aid.</p>
9.	<p>Legal Awareness Programme(s) by Secretaries, DLSAs and Chairmen, SDLSCs involving <b>Police officers, Stakeholders, beneficiaries and Remand Counsel(s)</b> deputed for providing legal assistance <b>at Pre-Arrest, Arrest and Remand stage</b> on the following topics may be conducted through virtual mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximizing the Early Access to suspects at Pre-Arrest Stage</li> <li>• Early Access to Justice at Pre-Arrest, Arrest and Remand stage</li> <li>• Rights of the arrested persons</li> <li>• Jurisprudence of Section 41 to 41 (D) of Code Of Criminal Procedure</li> <li>• Duties and functions of Legal Aid</li> <li>• Counsel under H.P. Legal Aid Counsel Scheme, 2003.</li> </ul>

	Emphasis be made on extending Legal Services at Pre-Arrest stage, Arrest and Remand Stage in coordination with Police.
10	To <b>organize</b> at least <b>one physical Legal Awareness Camp</b> in the District specifically for senior citizen apprising them about NALSA Scheme and other Welfare Schemes (around 50- 60 persons be associated). Camp preferably to be organized in a rural area in the last week of April, subject to the availability of NALSA Grant.
11	The Secretaries, DLSAs will organize the Awareness Programme on <b>Solid Waste Management for Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions, Mahil Mandals, Yuvak Mandals etc.</b> through virtual mode.
12	To organize Lessons in Law in Schools/Colleges regarding <b>THE RIGHT OF CHILDREN TO FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION ACT, 2009</b> and <b>Fundamental Duties.</b>
13	Chairman, District Legal Services Authority to take efforts to boost up Mediation activities by holding meeting(s) with Judicial Officers and Trained Advocate Mediators in their jurisdiction to clear the backlog of the pending cases of Mediation. To impress upon Judicial Officials to refer more and more cases for mediation in order to utilize the services of trained Mediators.
14	To strengthen the Court Annexed Mediation, the Secretary/Co-ordinator to sensitize the general masses/litigants encourage them to refer their cases to enhance the Mediation process. Fortnightly programme be organized for litigant public. Secretary, DLSA to coordinate the activities carried out in <b>Pre-litigation desks/clinics established for Motor Accident and Matrimonial dispute cases and boost up Pre-litigation cases of Motor Accidents, Matrimonial dispute Domestic Violence Cases.</b>
15	Verification of diary of the record of daily legal services activities, of PLVs by Secretary, DLSA at District headquarters and Chairman, Sub- Divisional Legal Services Committee at Sub-Divisional level and coordinating legal services activities in the rural areas/villages through them.
16	<b>Inspection of Jail</b> by the Chairman, District Legal Services Authority as per <b>Hon'ble Supreme Court Directions in Writ Petition (Civil) No.559/1994 with Writ Petition (Civil) No.133/2002.</b>
17	Meetings of Chairperson, District Legal Services Authorities with Nodal Officers and with other stakeholders, Members.
18	Meetings of Monitoring and Mentoring Committees, suggesting effective steps to provide competent legal aid to the beneficiaries.
19	Maintenance of Record of Legal Aid cases disposed by the Court on daily basis and steps taken to pursue further remedy of filing of appeal and submission of monthly reports to the DLSA. The Secretary, DLSA to submit monthly statement of the entire District in consolidated form.
20	Review of monthly Impact Assessment of various Legal Services Activities/ Camps, suggestions thereof.
21	To ensure the timely payment of bills of PLVs, Retainer lawyers and Remand Counsels and honorarium of members of Lok Adalat etc.
22	Reports in all the above activities to be submitted. (Above activities are as a broad line parameters in addition to other routine legal services activities, monthly compliances of guidelines/ instructions issued from time to time etc.).