Plan of Action for the month of March, 2024

1. Meeting/Interaction of Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities and the Chairmen, District Legal Services Authorities/Sub Divisional Legal Services Committees with Bar Association, Stakeholders, Banks, Insurance Companies, Financial Institutions, NGOs and other Government Departments on 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 09.03.2024. Stress should also be made for identification of the Land Acquisition Cases.

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.

- 2. The Chairperson(s) to supervise the identification of cases being referred by the Courts within their respective divisions, for the National Lok Adalat.
- 3. **Video Conferencing** 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.
- 4. To organize physical Awareness Programmes for Officers/officials of RTO, Traffic Officers, Insurance Companies etc. on:-
 - (a) Road safety, Chapters XI and XII of the M.V. Amendment Act and Motor Vehicles Amendment Rules, 2022
 - (b) Modified Claims Tribunal Agreed Procedure (MCTP)
 - (c) Progress made by the committee be assessed as compliance report in terms of orders has to be filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court in
 - (d) The work/progress made by District Level Committees be assessed, as the compliance report as per orders in I.A. No.71387 of 2023 in Writ Petition (C) No. 295 of 2012 titled as S. Rajaseekaran V/s Union of India & ors has to be filed in Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- 5. To organize Special Mental Health Care Camps in the prisons with the help of Prison, Health Department in their respective District(s). Mental Health Assessment of inmates be got done.
 - ➤ The Chairman, District Legal Services Authority may conduct the meeting with the Superintendent of Jail, Model Central/District/Sub Jail(s), Director, Health Services/Medical Authority in their respective District for organising such camps and also providing logistics supports for implementation of the Mental Health Care Act, 2017.
 - During a camp, 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. and also identified those under trail prisoners/convict who have been granted bail but could not furnished the bail and surety bond. The concerned District Legal Services Authority shall take-up the matter with the concerned Court for modification of bail and surety bond etc.

- Effective coordination with Jail Authorities 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').
- ➤ Record of Legal Aid/Assistance provided be also maintained.

Report in this regard be submitted to this Authority after organising such camp. Defects and Deficiencies pointed out during such inspection be also mentioned in the report.

- 6. Observance of International Women's Day on 8th March, 2024 with organization of physical Legal Literacy Camps on Domestic violence Act, Victim Compensation Scheme, Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace and other women specific laws by involving, Police Officers, Protection Officers etc at District Headquarter level.
 - Physical Legal literacy Camps (Specifically for Women of Rural Areas) to be organized in all District Legal Services Authorities (Two in Each District) by associating Mahila Mandals, Asha/Anganwadi Workers, Women Members of local Panchayat on Domestic Violence Act, Victim Compensation Scheme, Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace, NALSA Schemes, NALSA Theme Song, Free Legal Services, Legal Aid Defense Counsel Scheme, NALSA Helpline No. 15100 and other women specific laws in coordination with the Local Administration, Police, Welfare Department, Legal Aid Functionaries etc. The participants in these camps should be between 50-60 persons.
 - > Secretary, District Legal Services Authority will coordinate the organization of such camp
- 7. Sensitization programme on the following NALSA's scheme

NALSA (Legal Services to Disaster Victims Through Legal Services Authorities), Scheme, 2010

Targets be given to PLVs for identifying beneficiaries under the aforesaid schemes for legal aid and report be made how many legal assistance/aid/advise given by the concerned DLSA/SDLSC

- 8. Inspection of Children Home(s) and Observation Home(s) by the Chairmen/Secretaries, DLSAs/ Chairmen SDLSCs concerned. Welfare of Children of such Homes to be looked into during inspection. Defects and shortcomings noticed during inspection be detailed in the report.
- 9. To organise Training Programme for Legal Services Panel Lawyers i.e. Remand Counsels, Retainer Lawyers, Panel Lawyers, Legal Aid Defence Counsels and PLVs on NALSA Portal
- 10. Chairmen, District Legal Services Authorities 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 Officers to refer more cases for mediation in order to utilize the services of Trained Mediators.

- 11. To strengthen the Court Annexed Mediation, the Secretary/Co-ordinator to sensitize the general masses/litigants to encourage them to refer their cases for mediation. Awareness programmes may be organized for litigant public in this regard.
 - The Secretary, DLSA to coordinate the activities carried out in **Pre-litigation Desks/Clinics established for Motor Accident, Matrimonial Disputes and Domestic Violence Cases and boost up Pre-litigation Procedure in such matters.**
- 12. Verification of diary of the record of daily legal services activities of PLVs by Secretaries, DLSAs at District headquarters and Chairmen, Sub-divisional Legal Services Committees at Sub-divisional level and coordinating legal services activities in the rural areas/villages through them.
- 13. Inspection of Jail by the Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities as per Hon'ble Supreme Court directions in Writ Petition (Civil) No.559/1994 with Writ Petition (Civil) No.133/2002.
- 14. 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.
- 15. Submission of Monthly institution and disposal statement of legal aided cases to the DLSA. The Secretary, DLSA to submit Monthly institution and disposal statement of the entire Civil & Sessions Division.
- 16. Review of monthly Impact Assessment of various Legal Services Activities/Camps, suggestions if any.
- 17. To ensure the timely payment of bills of PLVs, Retainer lawyers and Remand Counsels and honorarium of members of Lok Adalat etc.
- 18. 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.).