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To
The Deputy Commissioner/Director
Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan
All Regional Offices/ ZIETs

Subject: Bunching/Clubbing of **Identical** Court Cases involving the same cause of action and Payment of Counsel Fees-reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to bring to your kind notice that several court cases involving the same cause of action, identical facts, and similar legal issues are presently pending before the Hon'ble Courts/Tribunals.

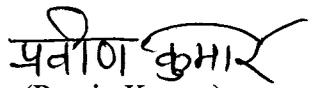
In this regard, it is clarified that where a number of cases involve identical facts, common questions of law, or arise out of the same cause of action, such matters should, as far as practicable, be clubbed or bunched together and listed on the same date of hearing before the same Court/Tribunal.

The Office Memorandum No.J-12011/6/2025-Judicial/E.158060 dated 05.02.2026 issued by the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice further provides guidance regarding the regulation and payment of counsel fees in cases where matters are clubbed or heard together, so that unnecessary duplication of fees may be avoided while ensuring due compensation for the work performed by the engaged counsel. All Regional Offices/ZIETS/ Kendriya Vidyalayas are therefore directed to review pending matters and take necessary steps to ensure that cases involving the same cause of action are appropriately bunched and listed together, wherever feasible.

Fee structure applicable to Counsel of All the High Courts and Tribunals (Except Principal Benches of High Court of Bombay and Calcutta along with CAT Mumbai and Kolkata Bench) as per the following rates circulated vide office Memorandum No.J-12011/6/2025-Judicial/E.158060 dated 05.02.2026 is reproduced below for ready reference and compliance accordingly :-

Sl. No.	Item of work	Dy.SG, Sr. CGSC, CGSC and SPC	CGC, Addl. CGSC and GP
12.	Fee in identical/connected cases: (a) if matter is contested- When the Counsel filed Separate and materially different, affidavits, applications or grounds of appeal etc. in more than one case but the argument is heard in the main case and the other cases are decided accordingly, the Counsel shall be paid the full fee in the main case and Rs.150/-in each of the connected cases.	(a)1500/-	(a) 600/-
	(b) If matter is disposed of without contest- when the main case has been contested as in (a) above, but in the connected cases either affidavits or grounds of an appeal or petition similar to the one in the main case or nothing at all has been drafted by the Counsel, he shall be the full fee in the main case and Rs.75 /- only in each of the connected case.	(b)750/-	(b)300/-
	(c) When substantially different affidavits are drafted in each connected case but all the cases are disposed of without contest, the Counsel shall get 1/3rd fees in the main case and Rs. 150/-in each of the connected cases.	c)1/3rd fee in main case and Rs. 1500/- in each of the connected matters.	c)1/3rd fee in main case and Rs. 600/- in each of the connected matters.
	(d) When the Counsel has drafted the affidavit, petition or ground of appeal in the main case and has not drafted them in the connected cases or the drafts in the connected cases are substantially similar to the one in the main case and the cases are disposed of without contest, the Counsel shall get 1/3rd fees in the main case and Rs.75/- in each of e connected cases.	d)1/3rd fee in main case and Rs. 750/- in each of the connected matters.	d)1/3rd fee in main case and Rs. 300/- in each of the connected matters.

Yours faithfully,


(Pravin Kumar)

Assistant Commissioner (L&C/Admn.)

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