No.15011/36/2022-JUS(AU)/e6889 Government of India Ministry of Law and Justice Department of Justice

Jaisalmer House, 26 Man Singh Road, New Delhi, dated 9th November, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month of October, 2023-reg.

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the Monthly Summary of the Department of Justice for the month of October, 2023.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Under Secretary(Coord.)

Encl: As above

To

- 1. All the Members of the Council of Ministers
- 2. Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog, Sansad Marg, New Delhi.

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The Joint Secretary [Shri Sandeep Sarkar], Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

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- 4. Secretaries to the Govt. of India.
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- PS to Minister of State for Law & Justice, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.

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The following are the important activities of the Department of Justice for the month of October, 2023:

1. <u>Conference on eCourts Phase III with State Law Secretaries, State Finance Secretaries, RGs of High Courts held on 20.10.2023:</u>

Expenditure Finance Committee, Department of Expenditure, Government of India while approving the Phase III of the eCourts project, recommended two models (Model 1 and Model 2) of Gol funding to be offered to the State Governments. The Union Cabinet extended its final approval to the above recommendation on 13.09.2023 while sanctioning Rs.7210 Cr for the eCourts Phase III. To apprise the States about the features of Model 1 and Model 2 particularly the benefits of Model 2 envisaging State participation in the project funding and details of the Tripartite agreement to be signed between Government of India (Department of Justice), High Courts and State Government, a conference on eCourts Phase III chaired by Secretary (Justice) was held on 20.10.2023. The meeting was attended by eCommittee, Supreme Court of India, Law Secretaries, Finance Secretaries and other Government Officials from all States/UTs, as well as Registrar Generals and Central Project Coordinators of all High Courts.

2. eCourts Mission Mode Project Phase-II:

- a. NJDG: On National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG), as on 01.10.2023, case status information in respect of over 24.20 crore cases and more than 23.47 crore orders/ judgments pertaining to the computerized courts can be accessed.
- b. Virtual Courts: Over 3.76 crore cases have been handled by 25 virtual courts and in more than 43 lakh cases, online fine of more than Rs. 455.12 crore have been realized till 30.09.2023. One new Virtual Court has started in Chandigarh, making the total to 25.
- c. **JustIS** app: Mobile App for Judicial Officers has a total of 19,348 downloads as of 30.09.2023.
- d. e-Courts Services Mobile App: The eCourts Services Mobile App have reached a total of 2.03 crore of downloads as of 30.09.2023.

- e. Video Conferencing: Till 30.09.2023, 2.88 crore cases were heard using video conferencing (2.08 crore cases by the District and Subordinate courts and 79.92 lakh cases by High Courts).
- f. e-Sewa Kendras: As on 30.09.2023, 869 eSewa Kendras have been made functional under 25 High Courts.

3. Tele-Law: Reaching the Unreached

- a. Till 31st October, 2023, Legal Advice was provided to 56,59,586 beneficiaries including 3,60,432 in the month of October,2023.
- b. During the month, 2,940 people participated in 149 awareness sessions/camps organized in 107 districts in 24 states/UTs by VLEs/PLVs, State Coordinators and Panel Lawyers.
- c. Under the Selfie Drive Campaign of Tele-Law programme for sharing experiences of tele-law field functionaries like VLE, State Coordinators a total of 206 selfie/videos from 36 States & UTs were uploaded as on 31st October, 2023 on Tele Law social media sites (Facebook & Twitter).

4. Nyaya Bandhu (Pro-Bono Legal Services) Programme:

During the month, 100 new Pro Bono advocates registered through Nyaya Bandhu mobile application/web portal. A total of 10554 lawyers (Male-8838, Female-1714, Transgender- 02) have been registered under Nyaya Bandhu portal.

Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Programme (LLLAP):

- a. As part of Legal Awareness Webinar Series, DoJ organized 20th Webinar on 'Sensitization of Stakeholders against Child Sexual Abuse' on 31st October, 2023 reaching out to 33,318 participants. Eminent speakers from Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences, Manipur, deliberated upon various aspects of Child Sexual Abuse.
- b. Center for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society(CECOEDECON), Jaipur, Rajasthan organized 7 Panchayat Level Legal Awareness Sessions, 9 Legal Awareness Drives, 3 Block Level Volunteer Training and one District Level Meeting on Rights of Women, Children and Elderly Persons and reached out to 1,853 beneficiaries.
- c. Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS), Manipur prepared draft 'Handbook for Stakeholders against Child Sexual Abuse, and shared it with DoJ for inputs on 31.10.2023.
- d. National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, Karnataka organized fourth Legal Aid conclave on 27th October, 2023 for 48 teams taking part in 2nd Legal Aid Competition.

6. Special Campaign 3.0

Drawing inspiration from the vision and mission of the Hon'ble Prime Minister to institutionalize Swachhata and minimizing pendency in Government, the Department of Justice took up the Special Campaign 3.0 from 2nd October to 31st October, 2023, as per the directions received from time to time from the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG). The campaign was organized in two phases in the Department- the Preparatory Phase from 15th September to 30th September, 2023 and the Implementation Phase from 2nd October to 31st October, 2023. The campaign aimed at improving overall cleanliness of the offices and its premises along with identifying and disposing of pending references and assessing the volume of redundant materials to be disposed of. A 'Zero Waste Event' was also organized on 2nd October, 2023 with shramdaan followed by distribution of sanitation kits to all the participants. During the campaign, all the pendencies identified during Preparatory Phase - Public Grievances (139), Physical Files identified for weeding out (169), references from MPs (04), Parliamentary Assurances (05) were liquidated during the Implementation Phase. Also, an area of 576 sq feet area was freed up and approx. Rs.1.0 lakh revenue generated through waste disposal.
