

M.P. STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY



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Jabalpur, dated 24/03/2025

To,

1. PRINCIPAL REGISTRAR/SECRETARY,
HIGH COURT LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE,
BENCHES AT INDORE & GWALIOR
2. REGISTRAR-CUM-SECRETARY,
HIGH COURT LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE,
PRINCIPAL SEAT- JABALPUR
3. SECRETARY,
DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY,
DISTRICTS- ALL (M.P.)

Sub: Compliance of the Regulation 25(4) & 10(4) of the Madhya Pradesh Legal Services Regulations, 1997.

It has come to the notice of this Authority that approvals from the Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority and Hon'ble Chairman, High Court Legal Services Committee are not being obtained while making purchases. In this regard, attention is drawn to Regulation 25(4) & 10(4) of the Madhya Pradesh Legal Services Regulations, 1997, which are reproduced below:

Regulation 25(4): All expenditure on legal services, accommodation, and staff of the District Authority, as well as any expenditure necessary for carrying out the various functions of the District Authority, shall be incurred from the funds of the District Authority and in accordance with the prior approval of the Chairman of the District Authority.

Regulation 10(4): All expenditure on legal services, accommodation, and staff of the Committee, as well as any expenditure necessary for carrying out the various functions of the Committee, shall be incurred from the funds of the Committee with the prior approval of the Chairman.

Vide Order No. 3992 dated 12.02.2018, this Authority permitted an expenditure limit of up to Rs. 20,000/- for the execution of NALSA Schemes, which was subsequently increased to Rs. 50,000/- vide Order No. 2189 dated 01.10.2019. Furthermore, vide Order No. 96/21 dated 08.01.2020, the Law & Legislative Affairs Department, Bhopal, declared the Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority as the head of the department.

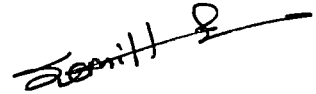
It is reiterated that no Secretary, DLSA, or Secretary/Registrar, HCLSC, has been granted the authority of Drawing & Disbursing Officer. They are only permitted to utilize the NALSA Fund up to Rs. 50,000/- with the prior approval of the Chairman, DLSA, or Hon'ble Chairman, HCLSC, as applicable.

It is also clarified that only limit to purchase various articles vide communication bearing dispatch no. 4427 dated 12/11/2024 has been prescribed and the same should not be construed as an exemption from obtaining permission from Hon'ble Chairman, HCLSC/Chairman, DLSA, as per the above regulations.

Accordingly, it is directed that:

1. No expenditure from the Grants-in-Aid received from NALSA shall be incurred without the prior approval of the Hon'ble Chairman HCLSC/Chairman, DLSA.
2. The Secretaries of DLSA & HCLSC do not have the authority to spend any amount from the Grants-in-Aid provided by the State Government, except for schemes related to state government (like Permanent and Continuous Lok Adalat, Legal Aid and Advice etc.) subject to approval mentioned above.
3. Any procurement or purchases using the State Fund shall be made only with the prior approval of this Authority.

The above directions are issued for strict compliance and any deviation shall be viewed seriously.



(PRADEEP MITTAL)
MEMBER SECRETARY