



राष्ट्रीय विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण  
NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY  
(Constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987)

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To

The Member Secretary,  
All State Legal Services Authorities.

**Sub.: Regarding appointment of new Legal Aid Defense Counsels (LADCs) in District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) – directions thereof**

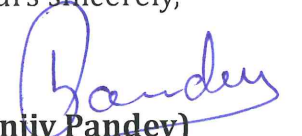
Sir/Madam,

It is brought to your kind attention that, on the directions of the competent authority, a committee was constituted on 06.03.2026 to revisit the Legal Aid Defense Counsel System (LADCS) Scheme and Policy. The proceedings before the Committee are ongoing.

It has been directed that, during the pendency of proceedings before the said Committee, no appointment of new Legal Aid Defense Counsels shall be made. You are, therefore, requested to kindly disseminate the aforesaid directions of the competent authority to all District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) under your jurisdiction for information and compliance.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(Sanjiv Pandey)