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No. KSLSA :

**11/NLA/2025**

**20.12.2025**

To,  
The Chairpersons & Member Secretaries of  
all DLSAs in the State and the Secretaries of  
High Court Legal Services Committees at  
Prl.Bench Bengaluru, Dharwad and Kalaburagi Benches.

**Respected Sir/Madam,**

**Sub:** To organize the **First National Lok Adalat** on **14.03.2026**- reg

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With reference to the subject cited supra, I am directed to bring to your kind notice that as per the directions of National Legal Services Authority, KSLSA is desirous to hold the **First National Lok Adalat** throughout the State on **14.03.2026**, on all subject matters.

I am directed by Hon'ble Sri Justice Vibhu Bakhru, Chief Justice, High Court of Karnataka and Patron-in-Chief, KSLSA and Hon'ble Smt. Justice Anu Sivaraman, Judge, High Court of Karnataka to inform that the HCLSC, all the DLSAs, TLSCs and PLAs in the State to hold first National Lok Adalat on **14.03.2026**.

The following types of cases (pre-litigation and pending) may be taken up for settlement in the National Lok Adalat:

**Pre-litigation**

1. Cases under Sec 138 of NI Act;
2. Money Recovery cases;
3. Labour disputes ;
4. Electricity and Water Bills (excluding non-compoundable)
5. Maintenance Cases
6. Others (Criminal Compoundable, Matrimonial and other Civil disputes)

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3. Principal Secretary, Law Department, Vidhanasoudha, Bengaluru.
4. Director of Prosecutions, Prosecution Department, Bengaluru.
5. Additional Registrar General, Dharwad and Kalaburagi for kind information and necessary action.
6. The Principal Judge, Family Court, Bengaluru.
7. The Presiding Officer, Principal Labour Court, Bengaluru.
8. The Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal Court, Bengaluru.
9. Registrar, Karnataka State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Bengaluru.
10. President of all the District Consumer Forum.
11. Chairman, Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA), Bengaluru
12. Secretary, Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority(RERA), Bengaluru
13. Registrar, Karnataka Real Estate Appellate Tribunals (KREAT), Bengaluru
14. Chairman, KERC, Bengaluru
15. The Chairmen of Permanent Lok Adalats, Bengaluru, Belagavi, Dharwad, Mangalore, Mysuru and Kalaburagi - for kind information and necessary action.

## **"GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS"**

**BY**

**KARNATAKA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY**

**i. Lok Adalat sittings and Pre Conciliation can be done in hybrid mode i.e., both Physical and Virtual mode. You are requested to maintain separate statistics of cases settled in Physical and Virtual Mode.**

**1. To give wide publicity to National Lok Adalat:**

All DLSAs/TLSCs shall give wide publicity to the National Lok Adalat through:-

- (i) Local TV Channels / Newspapers/ FM Radio/ Social Media.
- (ii) To give wide publicity of National Lok Adalat by displaying banners and matters related to the purpose and benefits of Lok-Adalat on the LED Screen placed in every traffic signals of the City and in Railway stations.
- (iii) To involve PLVs, Panel Advocates & Advocates who are getting stipend from the Government and also Law Students.
- (iv) To request the State Government/District Authority to put a bottom line news just under the Government Advertisement in Print and Electronic Media.
- (v) To request the KSRTC/BMTC Department to give advertisement in its bus tickets in the bottom by printing a message in vernacular language "ತುರಿತ ನಾಯಕಾಗಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ:14.03.2025 ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಲೋಕ್ ಅದಾಲತ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಜ್ಞ ಇತ್ಯರ್ಥ ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಿರಿ" (For quick disposal of cases, settle the case in the National Lok Adalat scheduled on **14.03.2025**)
- (vi) To give wide publicity about the National Lok Adalat through Audio announcement in Municipal Waste Management Vehicles, Bus Stand and in Railway Stations.
- (vii) Press Conference to be called by DLSAs/TLSCs to publicize the Lok Adalat and its uses to general public and to add QR Code of telegram channel in the press note and other advertisement.
- (viii) To give publicity to Lok-Adalat in Telegram Channel /You tube / WhatsApp by posting videos and photographs of your success stories.

**4. The PDJs/Member Secretaries shall convene meetings through online or physically with;**

1. Office bearers of Advocates' Bar Association
2. Panel Advocates
3. Claimant Advocates
4. Insurance Company Officers
5. Police Officers including traffic division.
6. Officers of department of Mines and Geology
7. Special Land Acquisition Officers / Land Acquisition Officers / Deputy Commissioner /Assistant Commissioner and such other officers whose participation is necessary for the Lok Adalat.

**5. Group Leaders - DLSAs/TLSCs may create Whats-App / Telegram group:-**

- (i) The PDJs can nominate District Judges as group leaders to monitor the Lok Adalat work of Courts at District Unit and Taluka Courts to oversee the referral and disposal of cases on subject wise namely, NI Act Cases, MVC Cases / ECA Cases, LAC and LAC Execution Cases, Civil Suits, Criminal compoundable cases, Matrimonial disputes etc.,

For Example: One District Judge may be nominated as the group leader to monitor the cases of NI Act. (likewise nominate the group leaders to other subject matters as stated above)

- (ii) The nominated District Judge with the assistance of Member Secretary, District Legal Services Authorities, has to create WhatsApp group of concerned Judicial Officers and other stakeholders if any to have discussion/ deliberations to identify the cases and to have pre-conciliation sittings.
- (iii) The PDJs have to depute such group leaders to visit such Talukas and to hold pre-conciliation Lok Adalat sittings as any convenient date and time.
- (iv) Nominated Group leaders/ District Judges have to hold periodical meetings with respective Judicial Officers and other concerned, on the progress of Lok Adalat process and motivate them for disposal of more number of cases.
- (v) In all WatsApp groups, the Member Secretary, District Legal Services Authorities, shall be added to coordinate and to receive the statistics about identification and referral of cases to Lok Adalat.

**(B) Future Prospects, where there is no proof of income.**

**a) (2018) 4 SCC 571 (Jagadish Vs Mohan & Others)-**

By following guidelines laid down in Pranay Sethi case, Hon'ble Supreme Court held that benefit of future prospects should not be confined only to those who have a permanent job and would extend to self-employed individuals.

**b) [(2018) 2 SCC 765] (Munusamy & others Vs M.D. T.N.S.T. Corpn)**

Adding future prospects to establish income of deceased while determining compensation, must be done in all cases as per ruling of five-Judge Bench in Pranay Sethi, (2017) 16 SCC 680.

**(C) [(2019) SCC Online SC 1029] Joginder Singh & Another Vs ICICI L.G.I. Co. Ltd. and Royal Sundaram Alliance Insurance Co. Ltd Vs Mandala Yadagari Goud (2019 5 SCC 554)**

- The Age of deceased has to be taken into account and not the age of the dependents.

**(D) Kajal Vs Jagdish Chand and others (2020 SCC Online SC 127)**

- Determining of income in case of the minor (minimum wages payable to the skilled workmen).

**(E) Procedure to be followed before and after passing award:**

**Smt. Yamuna Channabasappa Shetty Vs. K. Raghukumar @ Raghu (ILR 2019 KAR 3603)**

The directions were issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka:

**“(xix) The Claims Tribunals shall also ensure that in case of compromise being recorded in the Lok-Adalat proceedings, at the time of such compromise, the details of bank accounts, Pan Card (if available) of the claimant or claimants and/or legal representatives shall also be obtained and disbursal of the amount compromised shall also be only by way of NEFT/RTGS. In cases where the claimants or victims have Adhaar**

**10. Service of Special Notices:-**

If the accused is resident of other States, the Member Secretary, District Legal Services Authority shall prepare a list of such accused with all details (contact no./email address and correct address in English) and special notice of Lok Adalat be forwarded to the concerned State Legal Services Authority with a request to serve special notice through PLVs / Panel Advocates / Jurisdictional police.

**11. Special sitting of Magistrates for disposal of Petty matters:-**

As intimated by NALSA vide letter dated 20.08.2014, Special sitting of Magistrates may be organised to dispose of petty matters under:

- i. Municipal Laws
- ii. Shops and Establishment Act
- iii. Local Police Acts
- iv. Excise Act
- v. Violation of Minimum Wages Act
- vi. Traffic Challan etc.,

**12. Identification and disposal of Pre-litigation cases:**

Under Section 19 of Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 the Lok Adalat has jurisdiction to determine and to arrive at a compromise or settlement between the parties to a dispute in respect of:

1. Any case pending before any Court, or
2. Any matter which falls within the jurisdiction of any Court and is not brought before such Court (Pre-litigation cases)

Further, as per R.12 of NALSA (Lok Adalat) Regulations 2009, Legal Services Authorities can take up Pre-litigation Cases and NALSA has also directed this Authority to give importance to disposal of Pre-litigation cases which would in turn stop any further litigation entering the Courts in future. Accordingly, you are requested to conduct meetings with stakeholder departments at District Level. You are directed to take up pre-litigation cases such as **Traffic Challan cases, Property Tax Matters, Revenue Cases, Bank recovery cases, Electricity, Water, Transport, Telephone dues and Railways** etc., which if unattended would enter the Courts in one or other form.

(vi) The Judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, in Criminal Revision Petition No.909/2017, dated 04.02.2021 (**Sri M Vijay Nayak Vs. M/S Sri Sai Book Manufacturers**) – It is held that even a matter referred by Criminal Court to the Lok Adalat is covered under Section 21 of Legal Services Authorities Act and award passed on such reference also can be executed as provided under order XXI CPC. In a cases under Section 138 of NI Act, for recovery of fine the Criminal Court may invoke Section 421 of Cr.P.C.

**14. Settlement in Partition Suits:-**

The Settlement in Partition Suits be guided by decision in **Vineeta Sharma V/s Rakesh Sharma-(2020) 9 SCC 1.**

**15. Ejectment Suits/Specific Performance Suits / Money Suits and other Civil Suits:-**

Ejectment Suits/Specific Performance Suits / Money Suits and other Civil Suits, where there is element of settlement can be taken up for Lok Adalat. The concerned judicial officers to make list of such cases and same be shared with stake holders. Pre-conciliation sittings be held and cases which are settled be posted for orders on the date of National Lok Adalat.

**16. Settlement of MMRD Cases before Lok Adalath:**

If the case is filed under MMDR Act & Rules, then such case shall be compounded by 'Authorized Officer' and not the court.

But, if the case is registered under Sec.379 IPC, the court may permit for compounding of the case.

- The Judgment of Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, in Crl.RP.No. **683/2020**, dated 02.12.2020 (**The State of Karnataka by Gowribidanur Rural Police V/s Sri Narasimha Murthy & others**) may be taken note of.

**17. Success stories** of each DLSA shall be shared with KSLSA along with videos/photographs containing the details of the cases settled in National Lok Adalat.

**18.** All District Legal Services Authorities shall co-ordinate with Jurisdictional Permanent Lok Adalats, Consumer Forum, Revenue Department etc., to settle more number of cases.