

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

Roc.No. 135/APSLSA/LSW/2017.

Date: 31-08-2017

CIRCULAR No. 01/2017

Sub:-APSLSA - **Directions of High Court of Judicature** at Hyderabad - Order dated: 28-07-2017 in WP.No.25121/2017 - Resolutions of Hon'ble Administrative Committee, High Court - Circular Instructions - Issued - Reg.

Ref:- Letter Roc.No.2346/SO/2017, dated: 30-08-2017 of the Registrar General, High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad.

Pursuant to the orders of the Hon'ble High Court on Judicial side and pursuant to the Resolutions passed by the Hon'ble Administrative Committee of the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad for the State of Telangana and the State of Andhra Pradesh, all the Chairmen and Secretaries of District Legal Services Authorities and all the Chairmen of Mandal Legal Services Committees in the State of Andhra Pradesh are instructed to strictly follow Regulation Nos.38 to 39 (2) of A.P. State Legal Services Authority Regulations 1996 and Regulation No.17 of National Legal Services Authority (Lok Adalat) Regulations, 2009.

In the light of the above, while conducting the Lok Adalat and passing the awards, the Members of the Lok Adalat Bench shall strictly follow the above Regulations and shall ensure the following aspects in particular, that :

- (i) the identity of the parties is verified.
- (ii) the parties affix their signatures only after fully understanding the terms of settlement arrived at and recorded.
- (iii) the case number, name of the Court and names of parties etc., are verified, in regard to the matters referred by the courts.
- (iv) wherever the parties are represented by counsel, they should also be required to sign the settlement or award, before the Members of the Lok Adalat affix their signatures.

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- (v) where the parties are not accompanied or represented by counsel, the members of Lok Adalat bench shall satisfy as to the identity of the parties before recording the settlement.
- (vi) the terms of settlement are not unreasonable or illegal or one sided.
- (vii) the parties have entered into settlement voluntarily and not on account of any threat, coercion or undue influence.
- (viii) the settlement reached before the Members of the Lok Adalat alone shall be considered and should avoid affixing signatures to the settlement reached by the parties outside the Lok Adalat.
- (ix) the Lok Adalats are not used by unscrupulous parties to commit fraud, forgery etc.

Receipt of the Circular be acknowledged.


MEMBER SECRETARY

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1. The Chairmen of all the District Legal Services Authorities in the State of Andhra Pradesh.
 2. The Secretaries of all the District Legal Services Authorities in the State of Andhra Pradesh (through the Chairman, DLSA concerned)
 3. The Chairmen of all Mandal legal Services Committees in the State of Andhra Pradesh (through the Chairman, DLSA concerned).