

Lok Adalat

Lok Adalat is a forum where the disputes/cases pending in the court of law or at pre-litigation stage are settled/compromised amicably. Lok Adalat has been given statutory status under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. An award made by the Lok Adalat is deemed to be decree of a civil court and is final and binding on all parties and no appeal lies before any court against it.

NATURE OF CASES TO BE REFERRED TO LOK ADALATS

- i) Any case pending before any court.
- ii) Any dispute which has not been brought before any court and is likely to be filed before any court.

Provided that any matter relating to an offence not compoundable under the law shall not be referred to/settled in Lok Adalat.

HOW TO GET THE CASE REFERRED TO THE LOK ADALAT FOR SETTLEMENT

A) Case pending before the courts:

- i) If the parties agree to settle the dispute in Lok Adalat or
- ii) One of the parties make an application to the court or
- iii) The court is satisfied that the matter is an appropriate one for settlement in Lok Adalat.

B) Any dispute at pre-litigative stage

The State Legal Services Authority or District Legal Services Authority/Tehsil Legal Services Committee as the case may be on receipt of an application from any one of the parties to any pre-litigation stage matter refer such matter to the Lok Adalat for amicable settlement.

Functions / Duties

The Authority performs the functions as prescribed in the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987.

(ii) The powers and duties of its officers and employees.

The officers and employees discharge their functions as prescribed under State Legal Services Authority Rules 1998.

(iii) The procedure followed in the decision-making process, including channels of supervision and accountability.

As per the provisions of the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987 and State Legal Services Authority Rule 1998.

(iv) The norms set by it for the discharge of its functions.

The Authority is discharging its functions in accordance with the Legal Services Authority Act 1987 and State Legal Services Authority Rules 1998.

(v) The rules, regulations, instructions, manuals and records, held by it or under its control or used by its employees for discharging its functions.

a) The State Legal Services Authority Rule, 1998.

b) The Permanent Lok Adalat (Other Terms and Conditions of Appointment of Chairman and Other Persons).

Disposal Report of Lok Adalats held since 1998 i.e from Jan 1998 to Dec. 2021 (Including National Lok Adalats held so far)

FACTS & FIGURES

Year	No. of Lok Adalats held	MACT cases settled	Total cases settled including MACT	Compensation awarded in MACT cases
1998	79	576	2763	80985443.00
1999	89	302	2837	27731000.00
2000	132	331	3295	41169000.00
2001	122	239	2069	29737690.00
2002	148	494	2543	62844487.00
2003	234	633	4587	89759714.00
2004	213	527	3555	78779100.00
2005	295	571	3845	77289216.00
2006	376	604	28523	111851640.00
2007	341	756	7415	42381998.00
2008	287	775	12521	136547600.00
2009	287	801	16254	144299777.00
2010	333	551	16582	133961269.00
2011	516	559	13474	120683780.00
2012	569	515	10883	139070999
2013	597	1033	63659	321402112
2014	545	924	132044	355525145
2015	558	1020	108792	311296619
2016	391	740	41377	286127476
2017	267	858	82281	312761519.00
2018	171	925	71264	399773706.00
2019	146	772	55055	531469329.00
2020	30	574	19273	761957784.00
2021	39	1583	175009	2947645321.00
Total	6765	16663	879900	7545051724.00
				(Rs. 754.51 Crore)

MACT Cases Settled = 16663

Total Cases settled including MACT= 879900

Compensation awarded in MACT Cases =754.51 Crore

Special Lok Adalats held for Earthquake victims of 8th oct 2005 in the J&K State

S. No.	Name of the district	No. of Lok Adalats held	Cases Settled	Compensation awarded (Rs in Crores)
1	Kupwara	19	1685	70135000.00
2	Baramulla	34	2335	161904390.00
3	Poonch	26	6621	75989900.00
	Total	79	10641	308029290.00

Compensation Awarded= Rupees Thirty Crore Eighty lacs Twenty nine thousand two hundred ninty only

Cases Settled = Ten Thousand six hundred forty one only