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.: National Lok Adalat Schedule-2026.

Sir/Madam,

The National Lok Adalats across the country are organized a per the provision of the Legal Services Authorities, 1987 read with National Legal Services Authority (Lok Adalats) Regulations, 2009 in the Courts and Tribunals.

2. It has been the practice to conduct 4 National Lok Adalats in a year. Outcome of the National Lok Adalats organized during the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2024 (except next National Lok Adalat to be held on 13.12.2025) has been encouraging with respect to pending and pre-litigation cases. The statistical overview of cases disposed of in the National Lok Adalats held in last four years and the current year is as under:

Year	No. of Lok Adalats held	Pre-litigation Cases disposed of	Pending Cases disposed of	Total Cases disposed of
2021	4	72.06 lacs	55.82 lacs	127.88 lacs
2022	4	310.15 lacs	109.11 lacs	419.26 lacs
2023	4	710.33 lacs	143.09 lacs	853.42 lacs
2024	4	870.19 lacs	175.07 lacs	1045.26 lacs
2025	3	880.02 lacs	170.12 lacs	1050.15 lacs

3. As approved by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, National Legal Services Authority, the National Lok Adalats will be held on 2nd Saturdays of March, May, September and December during the year 2026. Approved Schedule of National Lok Adalats in the year 2026 is as under:

1st National Lok Adalat	14th March, 2026
2nd National Lok Adalat	9th May, 2026
3rd National Lok Adalat	12th September, 2026
4th National Lok Adalat	12th December, 2026

4. The frame work to conduct the National Lok Adalat will be as under

I. Cases may be referred as per the procedure prescribed under the said Act and Regulations. Necessary directions be issued to all concerned to conduct pre-lok Adalat or pre-conciliation sittings before the scheduled date of National Lok Adalat, so that the opportunities for negotiations may be offered to the parties to arrive at a compromise or settlement.

II. Ensure that cases wherein there is scope of an amicable settlement to be identified in advance.

III. Ensure that the use of technology or digital platforms in the process for organizing NLA is promoted.

IV. Ensure that extensive awareness campaigns on Lok Adalat as an alternative dispute resolution platform are organized to enhance the participation of parties.

V. Ensure updation on the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) of all 'pending cases' disposed of.

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

A. Pre-litigation:

All type of Civil and Compoundable Criminal cases as permissible under the Act/Regulations may be taken up. The data and records of registration of cases be maintained by the DLSA/HCLSC or TLSC under the directions of SLSA.

The SLSA will make all endeavours to promote registration of pre-litigation cases and the service of notices through digital platforms/online modes, to ease pressure on the conventional system.

B. Pending in the Courts:

All type of civil and compoundable criminal cases, including the following:

i. Criminal Compoundable Offences,
ii. Plea Bargaining Cases,
iii. NI Act cases under Section 138,
iv. Bank Recovery cases,
v. Motor Accident Claim cases,
vi. Compoundable Traffic Challans,
vii. Labour dispute cases,
viii. Disputes related to Public Utility services such as Electricity & Water Bills cases etc. (excluding non-compoundable),
ix. Matrimonial disputes (except divorce)/ Family disputes.
x. Land Acquisition cases,
xi. Service matters including pension cases,
xii. Revenue and other ancillary matters, pending before High Court, District Courts and State/District/Taluka Authorities.
xiii. IPR matters/ Consumer matters/ also other matters pending before any other quasi-judicial authority,
xiv. Other civil cases (rent, easementary rights, injunction suits, specific performance suits etc.).

5. It is submitted that the decision regarding the rescheduling of National Lok Adalats due to specific local conditions in any of the States may be taken by the Hon'ble Executive Chairmen of the respective SLSAs, under intimation to NALSA.

6. It is also submitted that the SLSAs may ensure that the outcomes of the National Lok Adalats are promptly and accurately updated on the NJDG, so as to enable a meaningful assessment of their real impact on reducing court pendency.

7. The SLSAs will submit the National Lok Adalat photographs and success stories reflecting innovative practices, best settlement efforts, or notable outcomes achieved during the Lok Adalat.

Kindly place this communication before the Hon'ble Executive Chairmen, SLSAs for His Lordship's kind information and seek necessary directions,

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sanjiv Pandey)
4/12/2025