

By e-mail

**Odisha State Legal Services Authority,
"Aain Seva Bhawan" Sector-1, CDA, Cuttack.**

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From :

**Shri Sudipta Acharya, OSJS
Member-Secretary**

To

**The District Judge-cum-Chairperson,
District Legal Services Authority,**

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Sub : Lok Adalat Schedule for 2023.

Sir/Madam,

In continuation of this Office Memo No.4533 (30) Dated 09.12.2022 on the subject indicated above, I am to say that as per the instruction of NALSA, National Lok Adalats shall be held on the subject matters, as specified by NALSA, on the following dates :

Sl.No.	Dates for National Lok Adalat
01.	11.02.2023 (2 nd Saturday)
02.	13.05.2023 (2 nd Saturday)
03.	09.09.2023 (2 nd Saturday)
04.	09.12.2023 (2 nd Saturday)

In the context, I am directed by the Hon'ble Executive Chairman of this Authority to communicate the instructions as follows, for success of the upcoming National Lok Adalats during the year, 2023, as scheduled.

1. The Chairpersons of the DLSAs and TLSCs in the State shall take immediate steps for identification of suitable cases to be taken up in the upcoming NLAs for disposal on settlement basis.

2. The DLSAs shall give wide publicity by giving general notice of the NLAs, inter-alia, through group SMS, PLVs, Banners and leaflets and notice to the parties in respect of identified cases may be given through Advocates concerned, Post Cards, SMS (if mobile numbers of the parties are available) and other feasible modes. The MACTs may be requested to ensure that the claimants in all MACT cases are duly informed about the NLAs by sending notice and also through SMS and other means.

3. The Chairpersons of DLSAs and TLSCs shall take steps to conduct Pre-conciliation sittings before the scheduled date of NLAs, so that prior opportunity for negotiations may be offered to the parties to arrive at a compromise or settlement. The arrangement for the said purpose at the district level may be made in the ADR Centre Building where such centre has been established and in the rest of the districts and at Taluk level the same may be arranged in the District Mediation Centre or at such other places as selected by the Chairperson of the concerned DLSAs and TLSCs.

4. The Chairpersons of DLSAs & TLSCs shall hold meetings with the Government Pleaders/Government Advocates, Prosecuting Officers, Executive Head of the district/Sub-division, Taluk, and President and Secretary of the Local Bar Association to work out modalities in the matter of identification and conciliation process for successful organization of the NLAs.

5. The Chairpersons of DLSAs shall also hold meetings with the public sector Insurance Companies as well as the Nationalised Banks regarding successful organisation of the upcoming NLAs.

6. All the M.A.C.Ts. shall be requested through DLSA to appoint Nodal Officers to coordinate with Nodal Officers of the Insurance Companies for necessary co-ordination with the Secretary of DLSA to chalk out suitable strategy for settlement and disposal of cases.

7. A circular is being issued to the Regional Heads of all General Insurance Companies & Private Insurance Companies and Nationalized Banks requesting them to depute their Officers endowed with authority to participate in the conciliation process with all preparedness. They may also be impressed upon to authorize their Retainers/Advocates to participate in the conciliation process, enter into the settlement and sign the documents of settlement in the Lok Adalat and Pre-conciliation sittings, as the case may be.

8. So far as the Land Acquisition Cases and Appeals are concerned, a letter of request is being issued by this Authority to the Principal Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Government of Odisha to depute authorized officers to participate in the conciliation and settlement process in the Pre-conciliation sittings and National Lok Adalat, as the case may be.

Further, in view of the instruction of NALSA and pursuant to the kind minutes of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman of this Authority, all the District Legal Services Authorities shall also hold District Level Lok Adalats on the subjects matters and the dates in the month of March, July and October, 2023 respectively, as mentioned under Columns No.2 & 3 of the following table :

Table

Month	Subject matters	Dates of District Level Lok Adalat
(1)	(2)	(3)
March, 2023	Motor Accident Claims/IPR/Consumer matters, Land Acquisition Cases, Family disputes, Revenue matters and also other ancillary matters pending any quasi-judicial authority and instituted before State/District/Taluka authorities	11.03.2023 (2nd Saturday)
July, 2023	-do-	08.07.2023 (2nd Saturday)
October, 2023	-do-	14.10.2023 (2nd Saturday)

The instructions, as above, may kindly be followed and a communication may be sent to this Authority **latest by 31.01.2023** regarding the progress in identification of the number of Subject-wise cases (Pending and Pre-litigation disputes) to be placed before the Hon'ble Executive Chairman of this Authority before **the 1st National Lok Adalat, 2023 scheduled to be held on 11.02.2023**. During organisation of NLAs, adoption and use of technology or digital platforms will be promoted.

You are further requested communicate the same to the Chairpersons of Permanent Lok Adalat (PUS) and Taluk Legal Services Committees and others concerned functioning under your jurisdiction for their information and necessary follow up action.

Soliciting your kind cooperation in the matter.

With Regards,

Yours faithfully,


Member-Secretary