From

The Member Secretary,
Haryana State Legal Services Authority,
Institutional Plot No. 9, Sector-14,
Panchkula (Haryana)



To

- 1. All the District & Sessions Judges-cum-Chairpersons, District Legal Services Authorities, in the State of Haryana.
- All the Chief Judicial Magistrates-cum-Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities, in the State of Haryana.

No. 4989-5032/LA-III/2024/MS/HALSA Dated, Panchkula, the 2205/24

Subject:

Holding of Special Lok Adalat by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India from 29th July, 2024 to 3rd August, 2024 in Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of Minutes of meeting dated 7.5.2024 received from Ld. Registrar General, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh for your kind information and necessary action, please.

Encls:- as above.

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(Akshdeep Mahajan)
Joint Member Secretary,
For Member Secretary,
Haryana State Legal
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Panchkula.

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From

Registrar General, Punjab & Haryana High Court Chandigarh

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The Ld. Member Secretary,
 Punjab State Legal Services Authority,
 Site No.126, Opposite GAMDA Community Centre,
 Sector- 69, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Punjab.

The Ld. Member Secretary,
 Haryana State Legal Services Authority,
 Plot No.9, Sector-14, Panchkula,
 Haryana.

The Ld. Member Secretary,
 State Legal Services Authority, U.T., Chandigarh,
 Ground Floor, Additional Deluxe Building, Chandigarh,
 Sector 9, Chandigarh.

Subject:

Holding of Special Lok Adalat by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India from 29th July, 2024 to 03rd August, 2024 in Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Sir

I have been directed to refer you on the subject cited above and to forward herewith copy of Minutes of meeting dated 07.05.2024 held in the Committee Room, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh with regard to Special Lok Adalat in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to be held on 29th July, 2024 to 03rd August, 2024 with Hon'ble Chief Justice of India under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia, Acting The Chief Justice-cum-Chairman, Punjab State Legal Services Authority for information and taking further necessary action, please.

Superintendent Lok Adalat

For Registrar General.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 07.05.2024 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT, CHANDIGARH AFTER VIRTUAL MEETING WITH HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA WITH REGARD TO SPECIAL LOK ADALAT IN THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA TO BE HELD FROM 29TH JULY, 2024 TO 3RD AUGUST, 2024, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURMEET SINGH SANDHAWALIA, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE-CUM-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, PUNJAB STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY.

Present:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia, Acting Chief Justice-cum-Executive Chairman, Punjab State Legal Services Authority

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Palli, Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority

Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Lisa Gill, Executive Chairperson, State Legal Services Authority, U.T. Chandigarh

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sureshwar Thakur, Chairman, High Court Legal Services Committee, Punjab and Haryana High Court

Sh. Surya Partap Singh, Member Secretary, Haryana State Legal Services Authority

Sh. Manjinder Singh, Member Secretary, Punjab State Legal Services Authority

Sh. Surender Kumar, Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, U.T. Chandigarh

Sh. Aashish Saldi, Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee, Punjab and Haryana High Court

Agenda No.1 Appointment of Nodal Officers.

It has been resolved that respective Member Secretaries, State Legal Services Authorities, Punjab, Haryana and U.T. Chandigarh and Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh shall be the Nodal Officers of their respective Authorities/Committee with respect to the Special Lok Adalat being organized by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India from 29th July, 2024 to 3rd August, 2024. The Nodal officers shall be responsible for implementation of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India issued with regard to holding of the Special Lok Adalat.

Agenda No.2 Identification of cases in which the parties are interested in compromising the matter pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India pointed out that the list of category-wise cases pending in Hon'ble Supreme Court pertaining to the States of Punjab, Haryana and U.T. Chandigarh would be supplied, which are roughly 7500 in number.

The list be segregated district-wise by the respective State Legal Services Authorities and High Court Legal Services Committee and then shared with the Chairpersons and Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities of the respective districts. Once the cases are identified, efforts would be made to approach the parties to explore the possibility of resolution of disputes between the parties by way of settlement.

The District Legal Services Authorities will approach the parties and explore the possibilities to resolve the disputes amicably between the parties by holding Pre-Lok Adalat sittings through virtual/hybrid mode.

In the meantime, Supreme Court Cell/Litigation Cell set up in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, shall provide the list of cases pertaining to Hon'ble High Court, pending in the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Respective State Legal Services Authorities and High Court Legal Services Committee shall make efforts to identify the potential cases where there is possibility of settlement between the parties.

Agenda No.3 Adequate publicity about the Special Lok Adalat to be held in Hon'ble Supreme Court in their respective jurisdictions.

It has been resolved that wide publicity with regard to Special Lok Adalat being organized by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India shall be made and it shall be the responsibility of State Legal Services Authorities and High Court Legal Services Committee to do the needful in this regard. The litigants whose cases are pending in the Hon'ble Supreme Court be also informed that they can contact at the office of the nearest/concerned District Legal Services Authority if they wish to get their cases listed before the Special Lok Adalat. The Contact nos. of nodal officers/concerned officials be also publicized for the convenience of the litigants who wants

to get their cases listed before the Special Lok Adalat. A Special campaign be launched through different modes:

- Advertisement through newspapers
 - Notice to be displayed on the websites of the State Legal Services Authorities and the website of each District Court
 - Use of FM/Local Media/local cable network
 - Awareness through Public Address System at prominent public places such as railway stations, bus stand, metro stations etc.
 - Notice on the board of District Bar Associations/District
 Legal Services Authorities' regarding conduct of Special
 Lok Adalat
 - Involvement of BDPO/Gram Panchayat for wide publicity

Agenda No.4 Associating all stakeholders like Government institutions and Public Sector Undertaking in making the Special Lok Adalat a huge success.

To explore the possibility of identification and settlement of cases wherein Government is a party, a special meeting will be held by Hon'ble the Acting Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Hon'ble Executive Chairpersons of respective State Legal Services Authorities with the Worthy Chief Secretary of both the States of Punjab and Haryana and Advisor of U.T. Chandigarh.

In addition to above, meetings will also be held by the Nodal Officers with the Head of other departments such as Public Sector Undertakings, senior officials of Banks and Insurance Companies.

Agenda No.5 To ensure effective service of notices on the parties and implementation of the Standard Plan of Action by all the High Courts in aiding the virtual meetings of the parties in Pre-Lok Adalat sittings.

The registry of this Court shall issue directions to all the District and Sessions Judges in the States of Punjab, Haryana and U.T., Chandigarh that service of notices on the parties whose cases are identified for settlement in Lok Adalat to be held in Hon'ble Supreme Court from 29th July to 3rd August, 2024 be got effected through the offices of Civil Judges (Senior Divisions) in their Sessions Divisions as Civil Judges (Sr. Divisions) in the States of Punjab, Haryana and U.T., Chandigarh are heading the process serving agencies.

The virtual meetings of the parties whose cases are identified for settlement in aforesaid Lok Adalat can be held during Pre-Lok Adalat sittings under the directions of Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana by using video conferencing system installed in District Courts/District Legal Services Authority offices in the States of Punjab, Haryana and U.T., Chandigarh under the supervision of Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities.

Agenda No.6 Directions to be given to the District & Sessions Judges-cum-Chairpersons, District Legal Services Authorities and Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities.

> The Chairpersons and Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities of Punjab, Haryana and U.T. Chandigarh be directed:

- To provide dedicated space for holding Pre-Lok Adalat Sittings.
- To ensure proper video conferencing facility for Pre-Lok Adalat Sittings through virtual/hybrid mode.
- To utilize services of Mediators/Counsellors for exploring the possibilities of settlement between the parties during Pre-Lok Adalat Sittings.
- To ensure wide publicity as regard to Special Lok Adalat through various modes/social media platform.
- To utilize the services of Para Legal Volunteers for publicizing the Special Lok Adalat.

-sd/(Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia)
Acting Chief Justice-cumExecutive Chairman,
PSLSA

-sd/-(Arun Palli) Executive Chairman, HALSA

•sd/-(Lisa Gill) Executive Chairperson, U.T. Chandigarh -sd/-(Sureshwar Thakur) Chairman, HCLSC