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Chairman-cum-Prl. District Judge.

Dt. 24.06.2024

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Sub: National Lok Adalat - D.L.S.A. W.G., ELURU – Certain instructions to be followed by the Lok Adalat benches in the National Lok Adalat scheduled on 29.06.2024 (5th Saturday) – Reg.

Ref: Video conference dated 24.06.2024 held with Hon'ble Executive Chairman, State Legal Services Authority.

Referring to the Subject and instructions received from the Hon'ble Justice Sri U. Durga Prasad, Executive Chairman, A.P. State Legal Services Authority, the following guidelines are issued in consonance with the directions of Hon'ble Executive Chairman.

1. For title, partition, and injunction suits, the judicial officers are instructed to obtain affidavits from both parties stating that there are no other parties to the dispute, no changes in the boundaries or property descriptions, and that no other parties have or had any interest in the schedule property. This measure aims to maintain the integrity of the compromise terms and the resulting award.
2. All judicial officers who are dealing with family matters (HMOP/DOP/MC/DVC/Sec.498 (A) etc, shall see that, maximum number of cases are referred the PLAPUS for mediation, and parties can make their appearance through video conference. If parties are not present on the given day, the concerned court can direct the concerned parties, with their respective counsels, to appear before the PLAPUS or MLSC using a video conference facility.
3. In case, parties are present on the given day, court refers the matter to PLAPUS, arrangements are to be made that, the parties will appear from the respective MLSC, through a Video Conference. The Video conference shall be conducted from the concerned M.L.S.C using Microsoft or Google meet or any other suitable platform.
4. The display of the identified case details, including case numbers, counsels' names, and parties' names, on the respective court notice boards is mandated. Additionally, these details are to be shared with the Secretary of the DLSA for uploading on the District Court website and with the Bar Association, ensuring transparency and accessibility.

5. The judicial officers are directed to ensure that proper notices are sent to the concerned advocates and parties in all identified cases. Furthermore, the case dockets must be endorsed to indicate that the matter has been identified and referred to the National Lok Adalat, with both parties being directed to appear before the Lok Adalat bench.
6. Regarding family matters, the judicial officers are instructed to refer the maximum number of cases to the PLAPUS for mediation, allowing the parties to appear through video conference, from their respective courts. In the event of non-appearance on the scheduled date, the concerned parties and their respective counsels may be directed to appear before the PLAPUS or MLSC using the video conference facility. - (in cases at other than Eluru)
7. The judicial officers are also directed to utilize the services of trained mediators (advocates) or judicial officers within their respective stations for effective mediation. In the event of failed mediation, particularly in matrimonial matters, a report from the mediator stating the reasons for the failure should be submitted.
8. The judicial officers handling matrimonial matters are requested to refrain from direct negotiations and instead refer the matters to trained mediators or the PLAPUS, where the parties can appear either in person or through video conferencing.
9. The respective chairpersons of the MLSC are instructed to coordinate with the respective Bar Associations and colleague officers to ensure the effective use of video conferencing facilities and to monitor the overall proceedings.

Note: Respective Benches, while passing an Award on the appearance of parties through Video Conference, shall record in the Award that, the parties have appeared through Video Conference, identified by the counsels, and at the end of the Award – to be endorsed “matter is taken up through Video Conference, parties have appeared, identified by the counsels, Award is passed on the agreed terms, PDF copy of the Award is sent to the party through e-mail, party signed on the physical downloaded copy and forwarded the scanned signed copy followed by the original copy by post. The online signed copy to be part of the Award along with the Adhara Cards of the parties and, in case of any property matters as directed, affidavits of the parties.

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**Chairman-cum-Prl. District Judge,
District Legal Services Authority,
W.G., Eluru.**

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1. The Hon'ble Chairman-cum-Prl. District Judge, DLSA, Eluru.
2. The Chairman, PLAPUS, W.G., Eluru.
3. The Secretary, DLSA, W.G., Eluru.
4. All the Chairmen, Mandal Legal Services Committees in the unit of West Godavari District.
5. All Judicial Officers, W.G., Eluru.
6. The Chief Administrative Officer, Principal District Court, Eluru.
7. The System Officer, Principal District Court, Eluru, to place in the District Court Web Site.
8. Spare Copy with Superintendent, DLSA, W.G., Eluru - for record purpose.