PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHAIRPERSON-CUM-PRL.DISTRICT JUDGE,

DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT, ELURU.

Present: Smt. SIRIPURAPU SREE DEVI
Chairperson-cum-Prl. District Judge

Sub: DLSA., W.G., Eluru – Legal Aid Defense Counsel System (LADCS), Eluru – Selection of **Sri. KONEY SEETHA RAMA RAO as Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel** – Orders – Issued.

Read:
1. Modified Scheme, 2022 of the Legal Aid Defense Counsel System (LADCS).
2. Letter in ROC. No. 49-E1/APSLSA/LSW/2022, Dated: 15.12.2025 of the Hon'ble A.P. State Legal Services Authority, Amaravathi.
3. This Authority's letter in Dis.No.322, Dt. 13.02.2026 addressed to the Hon'ble A.P. State Legal Services Authority, Amaravathi.
4. Letter in ROC. No. 49-E1/APSLSA/LSW/2022, Dated: 13.03.2026 of the Hon'ble A.P. State Legal Services Authority, Amaravathi.

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O R D E R :: DATED: 16.03.2026

Considering the contents of letters 1st to 4th read above, the undersigned is pleased to pass the following order:

As per the guidelines of Hon'ble NALSA Modified Legal Aid Defense Counsel System and on approval of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, A.P. State Legal Services Authority, Amaravathi, the undersigned is pleased to appoint **Sri. Koney Seetha Rama Rao, as Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel** to the Legal Aid Defense Counsel System (LADCS), West Godavari District at Eluru for providing legal aid, assistance and representation in criminal matters in line with "Public Defender System".

In view of the guidelines issued by the NALSA and Modified Legal Aid Defense Counsel System (LADCS) 2022, you are hereby requested to accept the appointment and shall join the duties on or before 23.3.2026 and submit your acceptance to enable this Authority to enter into contract with you to work as Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel attached to LADCS, W.G., Eluru initially for a period of **ONE** year.

The duties of Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel as per the Scheme are as follows:

- Conducting trials and appeals and bail matters in Courts along with Deputy Chief and Assistant Legal Legal Aid Defense Counsels.
- Visits to Prisons etc.
- Assigning duties to Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel in the Office.

- Assigning duties of Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel for assisting you and Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel and for other work including legal research.
- Ensure proper legal research, planning effective defence strategy and thorough preparation in each and every legal aided case.
- Ensure maintenance of complete files of legal aid seekers.
- Ensure proper documentation with regard to legal aid assistance provided, ensure maintaining of up to date record of legal aided cases.
- Will be overall in charge of administration of the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel Office.
- Ensure quality of legal aid.
- Consultation and ensuring updation of the case progress to the client and his/her relative(s).
- Any work/duty assigned by Legal Services Authority.
- Filing and arguing appeals and bail applications in Courts.
- Maintaining complete case files.
- Doing legal research in legal aided cases and guiding assistant legal Aid Defense Counsel and law students attached with the office in legal research.
- Proper client interviews at various stages for quality research work and representation at remand, trial and appellate stage.
- All or any of the work of the Chief Defense Counsel as per assignment,
- Any work/duty assigned by Legal Services Authority.

Dis No: 538
Date 16/3/2026

Chairperson-cum-Prl. District Judge,
D.L.S.A, W.G, Eluru.

16/3/26

To
Sri. Koney Seetha Rama Rao, Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel, LADCS, Eluru.

Copy to:
1) The Member Secretary, A.P. State Legal Services Authority, Amaravathi .... for information.
2) The Prl. District and Sessions Court, W.G., Eluru.
3) All the Additional District and Sessions Courts at Eluru.
4) All the Judicial Magistrate Courts at Eluru.
5) The Office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel System (LADCS), W.G., Eluru.
6) The Superintendent, District Jail, Eluru.
7) The Superintendent, Govt. Observation Home for Boys, Sanivarapupeta, Eluru.
8) The President, Bar Association, Eluru – with a request to cause affixture in the notice board of Bar Association.
9) The Notice Board of DLSA, W.G, Eluru.

Copy to:
The In-Charge System Officer (e-courts Project) Prl. District Court, Eluru .. with a direction to place the same in the Prl. District Court's Website