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To

All the Chairmen (District Judges),  
District Legal Services Authorities,  
In the State of Himachal Pradesh

The Secretary,  
H.P. High Court Legal Services Committee,  
Shimla-171001.

Receipt 3057  
Date 5.12.2022  
District Legal Services Authority  
Chamba (H.P.)

Subject: Schedule of National Lok Adalats for the Year 2023  
Sir,

It is intimated that the National Legal Services Authority has prepared the schedule of National Lok Adalat for the year-2023 (copy of letter is enclosed) to be organized on the following date:-

1 <sup>st</sup> National Lok Adalat	11 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023
2 <sup>nd</sup> National Lok Adalat	13 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023
3 <sup>rd</sup> National Lok Adalat	09 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023
4 <sup>th</sup> National Lok Adalat	09 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023

The National Lok Adalat has been rescheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 instead of 11.2.2023 due to winter vacation in the State.

The Lok Adalat across the country is organized as per the provisions of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 read with National Legal Services Authority (Lok Adalats) Regulations, 2009 for the subject matter as described under the said Act and Regulations in Courts and Tribunals as defined under Section 2(aaa) of the said Act.

In the year 2022, all of us have witnessed greatest ever success in disposal of pre and post litigation cases in all four National Lok Adalats, boosting confidence of litigating public in the Justice delivery system. Time and again, the efforts and role of all functionaries and stakeholders in providing Access to Justice has been lauded by Hon'ble Executive Chairperson, NALSA.

The Lok Adalat or People's Court, as a forum for settlement of disputes has been known in India for ages. In Lok Adalat, the disputes/cases pending in the courts of law or at pre-litigation stage are settled amicably. The Lok Adalat has been given statutory status under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 recognizing its efficacy as an expeditious, economical and speedier system of administration of justice. The award made by Lok Adalat is deemed to be a decree of a civil court and is final & binding on all parties and no appeal lies against the Award before any court.

The process of early settlement of disputes at the pre-litigative stage, though, has not yet caught the fancy of private or individual litigation; none the less it has received a tremendous response from the institutional litigants such as Banks & financial institutions, Power Distribution and Public utility sector Companies etc., having a large potential of churning out litigation.

In the year 2023, more subject matter focused Lok Adalats will be organized across the country. The DLSAs/SDLSCs are requested to discontinue daily Lok Adalats, if any. The focus will be on four National Lok Adalat

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Secretary  
(Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate)  
District Legal Services Authority  
Chamba District Chamba (H.P.)  
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and also on subject specific Lok Adalats. Wide publicity of such Lok Adalat, will be given by the DLSAs/SDLSCs, subject to available financial resources.

The framework to conduct the National Lok Adalat will be as under:

- I. The cases may be referred as per the procedure as prescribed under the said Act and Regulations;
- II. At every level, meetings at regular intervals will also be organized with stakeholders and efforts will be made to take everyone on board;
- III. It is imperative that cases, wherein there is scope for amicable settlement are identified in advance and timely notices be issued to the parties;
- IV. Followed by preparation of the cause lists and constitution of as many benches as required and to notify on their respective notice boards/websites;
- V. 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 prior opportunity for negotiations may be offered to the parties to arrive at a compromise or settlement;
- VI. During the year, no daily or weekly Lok Adalats shall be conducted by any DLSA/SDLSC;
- VII. Adaptation and use of technology or digital platforms in organizing NLA will be promoted;
- VIII. In the event of pandemic when protocols of public health and social distancing are being followed, it would be difficult to conduct Lok Adalat, it is requested to leverage technology and continue to espouse the improved methodologies with adaptation of technological platforms;
- IX. HPSLSA is kept informed at regular intervals of the progress in the preparation of NLA.

Normally, following types of cases (pre-litigation and pending) may be taken up for settlement in the aforesaid National Lok Adalat:

**(A). Pre-litigation:** All type of Civil and Compoundable Criminal cases, as may be permissible under the Act/Regulations may be taken up. The data and record of registration of cases be maintained by DLSA/HCLSC or SDLSC under the directions of SLSA.

HCLSC/DLSA/SDLSC will make all endeavours to promote registration of pre-litigation cases and services of notices through digital platforms/online mode to ease pressure on conventional system.

**(B). Pending in the Courts:** All type of civil and compoundable criminal cases including following:

- i. Criminal Compoundable Offences;
- ii. NI Act cases under Section 138;
- iii. Money Recovery cases;
- iv. Motor Accident Claim cases;
- v. Labour dispute cases;
- vi. Disputes related to Public Utility services such as Electricity & Water Bills cases etc. (excluding non-compoundable);
- vii. Matrimonial disputes (except divorce)
- viii. Land Acquisition cases;
- ix. Services matters including pension cases;
- x. Revenue cases, pending before High Court and district Courts;
- xi. Other civil cases (rent, easmentary rights, injunction suits, specific performance suits etc.).

As per directions of NALSA, during the year, Lok Adalats on specific subject matter such as MAC, IPR etc. may also be organised, therefore it is requested that the DLSAs/HCLSC or SDLSCs in consultation with concerned stakeholders will also plan and organise Lok Adalats for:


- A. Motor Accident claims/ Land acquisition cases/family disputes cases in the months of March, July and October, 2023 on dates to be notified later either this Authority or NALSA;
- B. For IPR matters/ Consumer matters/ also other matters pending before any other quasi-judicial authority on dates to be notified later by this Authority;
- C. Revenue and other ancillary matters, instituted before state/ district/ taluka authorities on dates to be notified later by this Authority.

As per the directions of NALSA, Lok Adalat on specific subject matter such as MAC, IPC etc. be organized. Therefore, you are requested to take a special drive for identification of **Motor Accident Claims** and **Family Disputes** cases alongwith **other cases** in the National Lok Adalat scheduled to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

In this background, I have been directed to request you to hold the National Lok Adalats as per schedule and send the list of cases identified for first National Lok Adalat scheduled to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 be submitted to this Authority as per following schedule:-

Particulars	Date
1 <sup>st</sup> List	20.01.2023
2 <sup>nd</sup> List	06.02.2023
3 <sup>rd</sup> List	21.02.2023
4 <sup>th</sup> List	04.03.2023

Yours Sincerely,

  
(Prem Pal Ranta)  
Member Secretary


Endst. No: As above:

Dated

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Copy forwarded for information to:

1. The Registrar General, High Court of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001.
2. All the Chairmen, Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committee in the State of Himachal Pradesh for information and necessary action.
3. All the Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities in the State of Himachal Pradesh for information and necessary action.

  
Member Secretary

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY,  
CHAMBA DISTRICT CHAMBA, H.P.



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Endst.No. Secy/ DLSA/CBA/2022/ **3489** Dated: 07.12.2022

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Ld. District & Sessions Judge, Chamba- H.P. for information and necessary action. With a further request to direct your System Officer of your office to upload the Schedule of National Lok Adalat for the year 2023 on the Court Website..
2. The Ld. Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Chamba- H.P.,
3. The Ld. Senior Civil Judge-cum-CJM, Chamba-H.P.
4. The Ld. Civil Judge-cum-JMFC, Chamba, District Chamba-H.P.
5. The Ld. Civil-Judge-Cum-JMFC, Dalhousie District Chamba-H.P.
6. The Ld. Civil-Judge-Cum-JMFC, Tissa, District Chamba- H.P.
7. The Civil & Criminal Ahlmad, O/o District & Sessions Court, Chamba- H.P.
8. The District Manager, State Bank of India, Chamba District Chamba H.P. with a direction to inform all the banks in District Chamba.

[With a request to identify maximum number of cases and send list of identified cases to this Authority well in time as per the following schedule:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> List of cases identified 19.01.2023

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> List of cases identified: 04.02.2023

3. 3<sup>rd</sup> List of cases identified: 20.02.2023

4. 4<sup>th</sup> List of cases identified: 03.03.2023

[So that the same could be submitted to the Worthy Member Secretary, H.P State Legal Services Authority, Kasumpti, Shimla- 9 H.P well in time.]

Yours faithfully

Secretary

(Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate)  
District Legal Services Authority,  
Chamba District Chamba-H.P.