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# राष्ट्रीय विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण
# NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
(Constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987)

**संजीव पाण्डेय**
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F. No. L/34/2018-NALSA/1470/J
Dated: 8th September, 2026

To
The Member Secretary
All State Legal Services Authorities

**Subject: Dissemination of awareness material regarding the National Lok Adalat scheduled to be held on 12.09.2026 through websites and digital platforms of Ministries/ Departments and other stakeholders**

Sir/Madam,

NALSA, in furtherance of its mandate under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, undertakes various initiatives for promoting access to justice and creating public awareness regarding legal services and mechanisms for dispute settlement. Lok Adalats constitute an important component of this framework, providing an accessible, expeditious and cost-effective mechanism for amicable settlement of disputes.

The next National Lok Adalat is scheduled to be held on **12.09.2026** throughout the country, except in Karnataka and Delhi, where it is scheduled to be held on 19.09.2026 and 10.10.2026, respectively. Citizen-friendly posters have accordingly been prepared, containing relevant information on the National Lok Adalat, its benefits, and the manner in which the facility may be availed through the Legal Services Authorities, along with messages of the Hon'ble Patron-in-Chief, NALSA and the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, NALSA. The posters are enclosed as **Annexure A.**

Wider dissemination of this material through the official websites and digital platforms of State Government Ministries/Departments and other organisations with substantial public interface would considerably augment the reach of awareness regarding the National Lok Adalats.

Your goodself is accordingly requested to take up the matter with the concerned Ministries/ Departments of the respective State Governments and other stakeholders in your States/UTs, with a request to display/share the posters at **Annexure A** on their respective official websites, social media handles and other digital platforms.

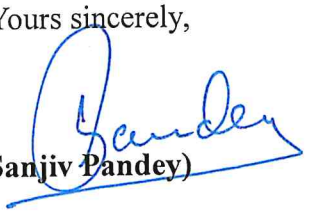
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Stakeholders to be approached in this regard may include banks, non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), insurance companies, electricity distribution companies, water supply authorities, telecom service providers, public sector undertakings, transport authorities, municipal/local authorities and other organisations having substantial public interface, particularly those dealing with matters amenable to settlement through Lok Adalats.

Your goodself is also requested to share with NALSA the links/details of the websites and digital platforms on which the posters have been displayed/shared, after such dissemination.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



**(Sanjiv Pandey)**

Encl: As above

**MOST URGENT**

No.14151-18/LEG/04/NLA/HALSA/DO-GB/01/2026

From

District & Sessions Judge-cum-Member Secretary,
Haryana State Legal Services Authority,
Institutional Plot No.9, Sector-14,
Panchkula

To

All the Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrates-cum-Secretaries,
District Legal Services Authorities,
In the State of Haryana

Dated, Panchkula, the 8-9-26

**Subject:** **Dissemination of awareness material regarding the National Lok Adalat scheduled to be held on 12.09.2026 through websites and digital platforms of Government Departments and other stakeholders.**

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to NALSA's letter F. No. L/34/2018-NALSA/14707 dated 08.09.2026 (copy enclosed), whereby the National Legal Services Authority has requested dissemination of citizen-friendly awareness material regarding the upcoming National Lok Adalat through the official websites, social media handles and other digital platforms of State Government Ministries/Departments and other organisations having substantial public interface. The next National Lok Adalat is scheduled to be held throughout the State of Haryana on 12.09.2026.

You are, therefore, requested to take up the matter with the concerned District Administration, Government Departments, local authorities, public sector undertakings, banks, insurance companies and other relevant stakeholders in your respective districts and ensure wide dissemination/display of the awareness posters enclosed with the aforesaid NALSA communication on their official websites, social media handles and other digital platforms. The exercise may be undertaken on priority so as to maximise public awareness regarding the National Lok Adalat, its benefits and the availability of an accessible, expeditious and cost-effective mechanism for amicable settlement of disputes. An Action Taken Report, along with screenshots/photographic evidence of such dissemination, may be furnished to HALSA at the earliest.

Encls. as above

Superintendent,
For Member Secretary,
Haryana State Legal
Services Authority,
Panchkula

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UPCOMING

# 3rd NATIONAL LOK ADALAT

**12th SEPTEMBER 2026**

**10 AM**

**NO COURT FEE**
Justice without financial burden

**MUTUAL SETTLEMENT**
Disputes resolved through mutual agreement

**QUICK JUSTICE**
Faster resolution, greater peace



**Note:** The National Lok Adalat will be held in **Karnataka** on **19th September 2026** and in **Delhi and Rajasthan** on **10th October 2026.**

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# HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN LOK ADALAT?

01

### IDENTIFY YOUR DISPUTE

Understand the nature of your dispute and the relief you are seeking.

02

### APPROACH LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

Contact your nearest DLSA or TLSC for information and assistance.

03

### CHECK ELIGIBILITY

Find out whether your matter can be taken up in Lok Adalat.

04

### PARTICIPATE IN LOK ADALAT

Participate in proceeding and explore the possibility of an amicable settlement.

05

### SETTLEMENT & AWARD

If settlement is reached, it is recorded as per law and has binding effect.

## NEED HELP?

Contact your nearest District Legal Services Authority or Taluk Legal Services Committee.

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# CASES ELIGIBLE FOR SETTLEMENT IN LOK ADALAT





Criminal Compoundable Cases



Plea Bargaining Cases



Revenue Cases




Bank Recovery Cases



Cheque Dishonour Cases




Service Matters (Including Pension Matters)



Motor Accident Claims



Compoundable Traffic Challans



Matrimonial Disputes (excluding divorce cases)



Succession Matters



Land Acquisition Cases



Labour Disputes



Arbitration Matters



Consumer Matters




Electricity Bill Cases



Water Bill Cases



Telephone Bill Cases (MTN, BSNL, etc.)



Other Civil Matters

# Lok Adalat vis-à-vis Permanent Lok Adalat

Two institutions. One goal – Amicable settlement of disputes.

| National Lok Adalat (NLA) | KEY DIFFERENCES | Permanent Lok Adalat (PLA) |
|---|---|---|
| Held on a particular day (e.g., National Lok Adalat, State Lok Adalats, etc.) throughout the country |  **NATURE & DURATION** | Constituted as a permanent body on a continuous basis for a particular area. |
| Resolves pending and pre-litigation disputes through compromise or settlement. |  **SCOPE OF DISPUTES** | Deals only with disputes relating to Public Utility Services that are compoundable and involve a dispute value of less than ₹1 crore. |
| Held at regular intervals on a notified date. |  **SITTINGS** | Sits regularly throughout the year. |
| Presided over by a panel comprising a serving or retired Judicial officer and other persons as notified. |  **PRESIDING OFFICER** | Presided over by the Chairman and two members. |
| Awards passed are final, binding on the parties as a decree of Civil Court and non-appealabe. |  **AWARD / SETTLEMENT** | Awards passed are final and binding on the parties as a decree of Civil Court. |
| if no settlement could be arrived at between the parties, the record of the case is returned back to the court. |  **WHAT IF SETTLEMENT COULD NOT BE ARRIVED AT?** | If no settlement could be arrived at between the parties and the dispute does not relate to any offence, the PLA decide the dispute on merits. |
| Criminal Compoundable Cases, Revenue Cases, Bank Recovery Cases, Cheque Dishonour Cases, Motor Accident Claims, Compoundable Traffic Challans, Matrimonial Disputes (excluding divorce cases), Land Acquisition Cases, Labour Disputes, Arbitration Matters, Consumer Matters, Electricity, Water & Telephone Bill Cases (MTN, BSNL, etc.) and Other Civil Matters |  **TYPE OF CASES** | Transport, postal, telegraph, telephone, supply of power, light or water, public conservancy or sanitation, hospital, dispensary, insurance, housing and real estate, education and educational institutions |

# Message from
## the Patron-in-Chief, NALSA



"Access to justice is not merely a principle but a lived reality that must reach every doorstep. The National Lok Adalat offers citizens a structured, time-bound and cost-effective mechanism to resolve pending disputes through mutual consent and settlement. I encourage all to actively participate in this Lok Adalat and experience a faster, simpler and more harmonious path to resolution, reducing the burden on courts while restoring peace between parties."

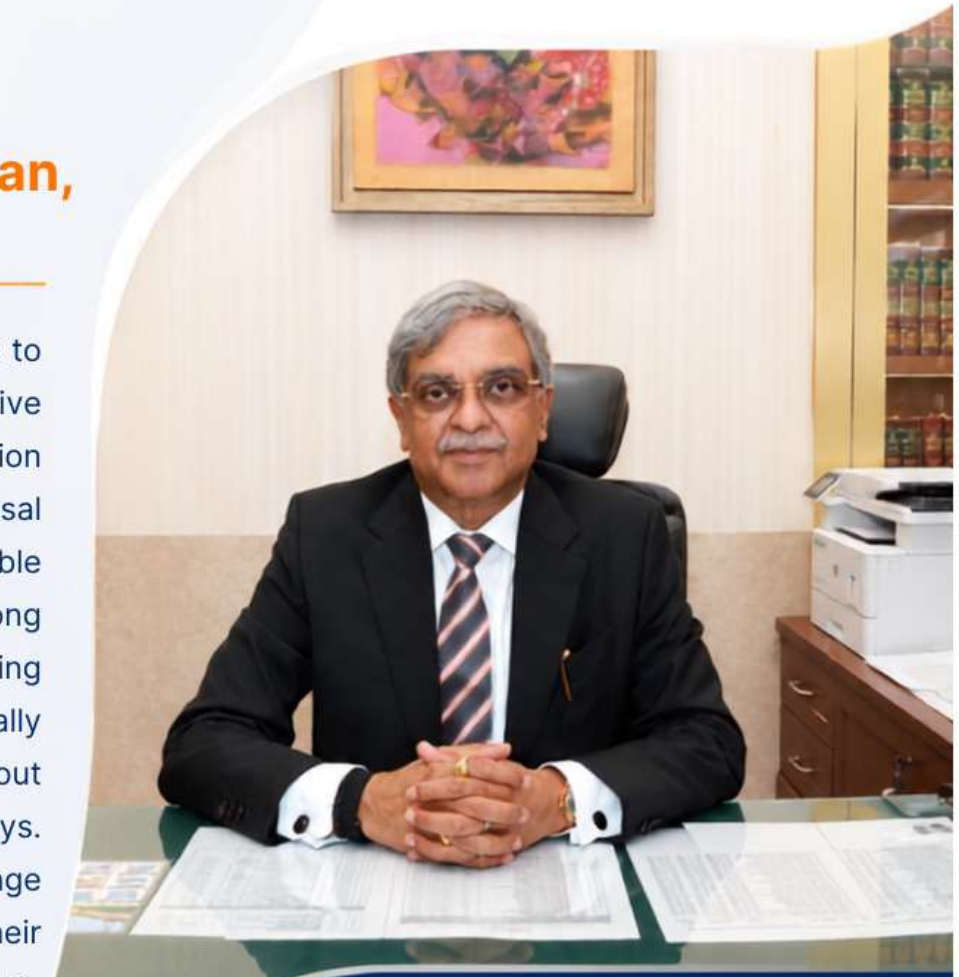
**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant,**
**Chief Justice of India and**
**Patron-in-Chief, NALSA**

# National Lok Adalat

**12th September 2026**

**Justice within reach, resolution with dignity, and harmony for all.**

# Message from the Executive Chairman, NALSA



"The National Lok Adalat continues to serve as a practical and effective alternative dispute resolution mechanism, enabling swift disposal of cases through amicable settlement. It helps reduce long pendency in courts while ensuring that parties arrive at mutually acceptable solutions without prolonged litigation costs and delays. I urge citizens to take full advantage of this opportunity and resolve their disputes through dialogue, cooperation and consensus."

**Hon'ble Mr Justice Vikram Nath,**
**Judge, Supreme Court of India,**
**Executive Chairman, NALSA**

## National Lok Adalat

**12th September 2026**

**Justice is best served not only in courts, but also through dialogue, understanding and a genuine willingness to resolve.**