OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, BALANGIR

ADVERTISEMENT No. LADCS-01/2026 Date: 6th January 2026

FRESH ADVERTISEMENT INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ENGAGEMENT OF DEPUTY CHIEF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSELS, FULL TIME *ON CONTRACT BASIS*, FOR "LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL SYSTEM OFFICE " IN BALANGIR DISTRICT.

LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION: **28-01-2026, 05.00 PM**

DATED, BALANGIR THE 6TH JANUARY 2026

Applications in the prescribed format are invited afresh pursuant to the direction of Odisha State Legal Services Authority, Cuttack from the eligible Lawyers having requisite qualification full time engagement *on contract basis* for the post of Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsels of Balangir District as per NALSA, Legal Aid Defense Counsel System, Modified Scheme-2022. The Lawyers so engaged therein will not be allowed to take any other private cases or any other retainer ship. The scheme of engagement along with Application Form may be downloaded from the Official website of the District Court, Balangir and also available in the Notice Board of DLSA, Balangir.

VACANCY POSITION:

Sl No.	Engagement for	No. of vacancy	Monthly Honorarium
01	Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel	02	Rs.50,000/- (fifty thousand rupees)

1.Scope of Work:

Legal Aid Defense Counsel Office shall be dealing exclusively with legal aided matters in criminal matters of the District or HQ, wherein it is established. It shall be providing legal services from the early stages of criminal justice till appellate stage, and the same shall include visits to jails from catering to the legal needs of unrepresented inmates. Initially it shall not be dealing with all type of civil matters and cases of complainant, wherein present counsel assignment system (Panel Lawyers) will continue to be operational.

The following end to end legal services shall be provided through the Legal Aid Defense Counsel Office:

- Legal Advice and Assistance to all individuals visiting the office,
- Representation/Conducting trial and appeals including all miscellaneous work in all criminal courts such as Sessions, Special and Magistrate Courts including executive courts,
- Handling Remand and Bail work,
- Providing legal assistance at pre-arrest stage as per need and also in accordance with NALSA's scheme for providing such assistance,
- Any other legal aided work related to District Courts or as assigned by the Secretary DLSA,
- Periodic visit of Prisons of the district under the guidance of the Secretary, DLSA.

2. **Selection Procedure:**

After due publicity including public notice, applications will be invited and a fair, transparent and competitive selection process shall be adopted by DLSA under guidance of SLSA. ***Legal Aid Defence Counsels shall be engaged on contract basis in each place/district initially for a period of two years with a stipulation of extension on yearly basis on satisfactory performance. The performance of each human resource shall be assessed in every six months by SLSA in consultation with DLSA concerned. Selection of Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsels, will be purely based on merit, taking into account the knowledge, skills, practice and experience of candidates.*** The selection shall be carried out by Selection committee under the Chairmanship of the Principal District & Sessions Judge (Chairman, DLSA) as envisaged in NALSA (Free and Competent Legal Services) Regulations 2010, subject to final approval by the Executive Chairman, SLSA. In the selection committee at least three other senior most judicial officers posted at HQ, dealing largely criminal cases, will also be included. No person with conflict of interest shall be part of selection process. After approval by the Executive Chairman, SLSA, engagement contract will be executed between the Secretary DLSA and the person so engaged.

3. **The eligibility criteria are as follows: -**

Qualifications for Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel:

- Practice in Criminal law for at least 7 years,
- Excellent understanding of criminal law,
- Excellent oral and written communication skills,
- Skill in legal research,
- Thorough understanding of ethical duties of defence counsel,
- Ability to work effectively and efficiently with others,
- Must have handled at least 20 criminal trials in Sessions Courts, may be relaxed in exceptional circumstances, by Hon'ble Executive Chairman, SLSA,
- IT Knowledge with proficiency in work.

6.Code of Ethics:

Personnel engaged in the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall observe the following code of ethics:

i. No personnel shall act in any matter in which he/she has a direct or indirect personal or financial interest.

ii. No personnel shall willfully disclose or use, whether or not for the purpose of pecuniary gain, any information that he/she obtained, received or acquired during the fulfillment of his/her official duties and which is not available to members of the general public.

iii. No personnel within the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall make use of his/her office or employment for the purpose of promoting or advertising any outside activity.

iv. No personnel within the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall engage in any outside activity or act as an independent practitioner.

v. No personnel within the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall solicit, agree to accept or accept, whether directly or indirectly, any gift, favour, service, or other thing of value under circumstances from which it might be reasonably inferred that such gift, service, or other thing of value was given or offered for the purpose of influencing him/her in, or rewarding him/her for, the discharge of his/her official duties.

vi. Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall devote his/her full time to his/her duties for the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel and shall not engage in private practice of law during the term of employment.

vii. Every Personnel of the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall strive to preserve the public's confidence in the office's fair and impartial execution of its duties and responsibilities.

viii. Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall also follow the code of ethics prescribed by Bar Council of India for lawyers.

7.Entitlement to Leave:

- Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel shall be eligible for 15 days' leave in a calendar year on pro-rata basis.
- No remuneration for the period of absence in excess of the admissible leave will be paid to the human resource of Legal Aid Defense Counsel Office.
- Un-availed leave shall neither be carried forward to next year nor encashed.

8. List of the documents to be submitted along with the application :

i. Self-Attested copy of Certificates in support of educational qualifications.
ii. Self-Attested copy of Certificate in Enrollment issued by the Bar Council under the Advocates Act, 1961.
iii. Self-Attested copy of Photo Identity Card, Address Proof.
iv. Self-Attested copy of ITR for last 3 years (if available).
v. Photo copies of judgments in 5 Sessions cases, represented as Defense lawyer.
(From the content of those judgments it must be revealed that the applicant is represented as Defense counsel in said cases)
vi. Photocopies of at least 5 cross examinations in Sessions cases.
(Self attested copies of the documents must be annexed showing that those cross-examination were conducted by the applicant).

Note: Qualifications may be reasonably relaxed in case of exceptional candidates or circumstances with the approval of the Executive Chairman SLSA.

4. Work Profiles:

Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel.

- Conducting trials/ appeals/ Remand work /Bail applications/visits to prisons etc., as assigned by Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel.
- 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 defence Counsel as per assignment,
- Any work/duty assigned by Legal Services Authority.

5. Termination of Services:

Services of any legal aid defense counsel engaged in the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel can be terminated at any time without any prior notice in the following cases by the Chairman, DLSA on recommendation of the Secretary DLSA or on directions by SLSA in writing:

i. He/she substantially breaches any duty or service required in the office, or

ii. Seeks or accepts any pecuniary gains or gratification in cash or kind from the legal aid seekers or beneficiary or his friend or relative, or

iii. Charged or Convicted for any offence by any court of law, or

iv. Indulges in any type of political activities, or

v. Found incapable of rendering professional services of the required standards, or

vi. Failure to attend training programmes without any sufficient cause, or

vii. Indulges in activities prejudicial to the working of legal aid defense counsel office, or

viii. Using his/her position in legal aid defense counsel office to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for him/herself or others, or

ix. Acts in breach of code of ethics, or

x. Remains absent without leave for more than two weeks, or

xi. If services are found unsatisfactory during the six-monthly performance review by the SLSA or DLSA.

vii. Self attested photo copies of the documents showing handling of at least 20 criminal trials in Sessions Courts (subject to the stipulation contain in Cl.3).

- See, detail content in the Application Form.

9. The application complete in all respects shall be submitted to the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Balangir through speed post or in an envelope personally in the office of the Secretary, DLSA, Balangir in the address given below on or before **28th January, 2026 by 5.00 P.M.**

The Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Balangir(Odisha)
At: ADR Building, District Court Premises, Balangir-767001

NB:-

- Application sent through post shall be super scribed as " Application for Engagement as (Name of the Post)_____".
- Applications received after due date shall not be considered.
- Non compliance of any of the requirements mentioned in the advertisement shall entail rejection of his/her application out-rightly.
- The Application if found defective and/or incomplete in any respect or received after the last date, shall be summarily rejected.
- Applying for engagement does not create any right/ assurance whatsoever.
- The Candidates who had earlier applied for engagement of Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel pursuant to the Advertisement No.LADCS-01/2025 dtd.19th May 2025 of this office must submit a fresh application complete in all respect under the present advertisement.

By Order
Sd/
Secretary
Dist. Legal Services Authority,
Balangir

N:B:- For other details of the guidelines prescribed by NALSA and Application format, candidates are requested to visit the Web-site detailed below:

Balangir District Court Website: https://balangir.dcourts.gov.in/

Any Query- Office Telephone Number:- 06652-233466

APPLICATION FOR ENGAGEMENT AS FULL TIME LEGAL AID LAWYER IN LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL SYSTEM

STATE_____

DISTRICT_____

Application No. _____
(For Office use)

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APPLICATION FOR DEPUTY CHIEF LEGAL AID DEFENSE COUNSEL

1. Applicant's Name :
2. Father/Husband's Name :
3. Date of Birth :
4. Age (as on 01-01-2026) :
5. Gender :
6. Residential Address :
7. Office Address :
8. Chamber Address (if any) :
9. Telephone no. (O) :
10. Telephone No. (R) :
11. Mobile No. :
12. Fax No. :
13. E-mail ID :
14. PAN No. :
15. AADHAR No. :
16. Educational Qualification (Please enclose self-attested copies of documents):

Course	Name of Board/ University	Year of Passing	Obtained Percentage (aggregate)
Graduation			
Professional Degree LLB			
LLM			
Any other (if any)			

17. Date of Enrollment as Lawyer :
18. Enrollment No. :
(Attach self-attested copy of enrollment certificate issued by Bar Council)

19. Experience in Bar :
(Duration of actual practice)
(Attach an experience certificate issued by the Bar Association/Council)
(a) Total no. of cases handled :
(b) Nature of cases handled :
(Attach extra sheet, if required)
(c) Specialization, if any :
(The details of a few important cases, the Applicants have dealt with/handled and reported judgement if any.)

20. Whether empanelled as Central/State Government or :
Government undertaking counsel/pleader
(Indicate period& attach documents)

21. The Courts where the Applicant is regularly practising :
(Enclose Bar Association Membership Certificate)

22. Specify whether earlier remained on the panel of HCLSC/DLSA or TLSC :
(Indicate period, number of legal aid cases handled& result)
(attach documents)

23. Whether any disciplinary case/Complaint is/was against the Applicant with any Bar Council : YES NO
(If yes, specify details of both disposed & pending with documents)

24. List of the documents to be attached.
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(Signature)

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all the statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. In the event of any information being found false/incorrect at any stage, my candidature is liable to be cancelled. I have read and understood the instructions and terms of the engagement and agrees to abide by those. I declare that I fulfill the eligibility conditions for the category to which I am seeking engagement. I declare that I have never been penalised by any Bar Council in any Disciplinary Proceedings. I also undertake to maintain absolute integrity and discipline as required there under. I agree with the remuneration structure and all the terms and conditions notified by SLSA/DLSA concerned.

(Signature)

Place:_____

Date:_____