
To

The Member Secretary,
All SLSAs

Sir/Madam,

The following decisions had been taken in the meeting of the Central Authority of NALSA chaired by Hon’ble Patron-in-Chief, NALSA on 17.09.2015 at Judges’Lounge, Supreme Court of India: -

1) SLSAs may be requested to organise special camps with the help of DLSAs in Jails for disposal of cases through Plea-bargaining after undertaking all necessary ground work through panel lawyers and PLVs. All SLSAs will be requested to upload all data of various legal services activities on their website every month.

2) All the High Court Legal Services Committees and SLSAs may use their cost funds in order to help the creation of a Corpus to support the High Court Middle Income Group Society if they need some financial assistance for running the society.

3) Honorarium schedule at the National Judicial Academy is adopted for making payment to trainers and master trainers for conducting training programmes for panel lawyers (copy of the schedule of the NJA is enclosed).

4) Evaluation and Scrutiny Committee at the High Court may continue to scrutinize and evaluate applications for legal services including to challenge the circulars, rules or enactment on the ground that they violate any legal, statutory or constitutional right.

5) The Presiding Judges, Members of Lok Adalat and staff will be paid one day’s basic pay as special duty allowance for each day of Lok Adalat which is held on a holiday. This recommendation is however the minimum payable and SLSAs are free to pay any other amount over & above this amount.
6) All SLSA Chairpersons are to be requested to start sending reports as to the performance of Mediation Centres and the number of Mediators trained to the NALSA. The High Court Mediation Centres will be requested to send report of its activities to NALSA.

You are requested to take necessary steps for implementation of the above resolutions of the Central Authority.

You are also requested that the High Court Mediation Centres may be requested to send their reports to NALSA.

This communication may be placed before the Hon’ble Executive Chairpersons of your SLSAs for His Lordship’s information and further directions.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Asha Menon)