

A.P.STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, AMARAVATI
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR VIRTUAL LOK ADALAT

The Lok Adalat Mechanism has gained momentum and people are making use of Lok Adalat Mechanism for amicable settlement of their cases. But, now in view of pandemic, people are not able to appear before Lok Adalat for settlement of their cases and the alarming situation caused stagnation of amicable settlement of cases, more particularly through ADR Mechanism.

Keeping in view the present situation and to cater the needs of the public, the State Legal Services Authority proposes to organize e-Lok Adalat ie., Virtual Lok Adalat.

- The Legal Services Institutions will display notice in the respective Court premises and inform the public through press and electronic media about the proposed date of Virtual Lok Adalat in each month.
- In response, the parties, who are willing for settlement of their cases through virtual Lok Adalat, shall send their consent with details of the case or cases to the respective DLSA through SMS, whatsapp or email.
- The Secretary, DLSA will forward the same to the respective MLSC if it is not belonging to the Courts at the District Headquarters.

- The Chairpersons of DLSA shall convene video conference with the Judicial Officers of the District and officials of various Government Departments at District level.
- The DLSA or MLSC as the case may be shall convene video conference with the Advocates and other Stake holders at their respective places.
- The DLSA or MLSC as the case may be will get the records in the respective Courts and see whether the cases are compoundable or not and suitable for settlement before the Virtual Lok Adalat.
- If it is so, they will issue notice through whatsapp to all the parties or Advocates as the case may be.
- On the scheduled date of Virtual Lok Adalat, the parties shall respond through Blue Jeans App or Whatsapp and participate in the negotiations.
- If both the parties arrive at settlement, the Virtual Lok Adalat Bench, after examining them about the terms of compromise, will inform them then and there that the case is settled before Virtual Lok Adalat for the agreed terms of compromise.

- An Award will be passed by the said Lok Adalat Bench and send to the parties through email.
- Then, the parties and Advocates shall sign the Award and the same be forwarded through e-mail to the respective Legal Service Institution, who will get it signed by the Lok Adalat Bench Members and then send it to the parties concerned through email as final Award.
- The Jail Virtual Lok Adalat shall also be conducted once in two months in the manner as mentioned supra.

Thus, the case will come to an end by virtue of settlement through Virtual Lok Adalat.

District Legal Services Authority.....

NOTICE

Ref No.

Date

The Legal Services Institutions in the District of proposes to organize virtual Lok Adalat schedule on (.....day) in the entire State of Andhra Pradesh. In the Virtual Lok Adalat, all Civil cases, cheque bounce cases, Bank recovery cases, Motor Accident cases, family disputes except divorce matters, Labour and employment cases, other civil cases and compoundable Criminal cases will be taken up.

The parties who are willing and interested in placing their matters in the above mentioned Virtual Lok Adalat being organized online, may send complete details of the cases giving their consent for settlement of cases through Virtual Lok Adalat.

Secretary, DLSA.

CONSENT FOR SETTLEMENT OF CASES THROUGH VIRTUAL LOK ADALAT

I ----- S/o -----
aged ----- filed case in the Court of ----- and the
case is pending. I hereby give consent and I agree for settlement of my case through Virtual Lok
Adalat in view of present pandemic situation so as to get my case settled as early as possible. I
also undertake to respond to the Virtual Lok Adalat, I scheduled date through Blue Jeans app and
in the event of settlement of my case on receipt of the Award through e-mail, I submit the same
duly signed to the respective Legal Services Institution through e-mail on the same day.

The details of case are :

1. Case Number :

2. Name of Petitioner(s) :
(Along with Mobile number and
e-mail Id)

3. Name of the Respondent(s) :
(Along with Mobile number and
e-mail Id)

4. Name of the Advocate for Petitioner(s) :
(Along with Mobile number and
e-mail Id)

5. Name of the Advocate for Respondent(s) :
(Along with Mobile number and
e-mail Id)

Signature of the Applicant with Date
(Name in Block letters)

Signature of the Advocate with Date
(Name in Block letters)