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The Secretaries,
DLSAs, All Rajasthan.

Sub: Regarding Payments of Honorarium and approval for Revenue Lok Adalat and related issues.

Sir,

The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 prescribes for organization of Lok Adalat at such internal, places and for exercising such jurisdiction and for such areas as think fit and also provided under Section 19 that every Lok Adalat organized for an area shall consist of such number of serving or retired judicial officers and other persons as may be specified by Legal Services Institutions. To supplement the aforesaid provisions, NALSA (Lok Adalat) Regulation, 2009 was promulgated, wherein procedure, composition and other ancillary provisions are prescribed.

NALSA grant under Section 4C can be utilized in furtherance of aims and objects provided under the LSA Act, 1987, which may also be utilized to supplement the functions as described under the Act and also under the Regulations thereof. The grant may also be utilized for the specific purposes as directed by NALSA.

Since 2015, long duration Revenue campaigns were organized by the State Government across Rajasthan, titled as Revenue Lok Adalat or any other name but as per the provisions, mentioned herein above serving or retired Judicial officers were not part of any bench as mandated under the Act of 1987 or Regulation of 2009.

All issues and pending references regarding payment of honorarium from NALSA Grant under Section 4C were examined by RSLSA and it is observed that such instructions and directions related to approval by DLSAs and TLSCs and consequential payment of honorarium from NALSA Grant



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are not in consonance with the provisions of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and the NALSA (Lok Adalat) Regulation, 2009.

Further NALSA has also rescinded Revenue Matters from scope of the National Lok Adalat and from last few years Revenue Courts are not part of the National Lok Adalat scheme, hence, honorarium to all such individuals involved in organization of any Revenue Lok Adalat, as Chairperson or member of bench, with or without approval of DLSA or TLSC shall not be payable from Grant under Sec 4C.

I am under direction to request you that no payment shall be made from NALSA Grant on account of honorarium of any Revenue Lok Adalat, and all related circulars and directions, issued till date specifically dealing for approval of the Benches for Revenue Lok Adalat by DLSAs/ TLSCs with or without direction for payment of honorarium from NALSA Grant under Sec 4C, shall deemed to be withdrawn.

Yours Sincerely

Member Secretary, RSLSA