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MEGA LOK ADALAT 15TH DEC.2012
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Free Legal Aid to the poor and marginalized members of the society is now viewed as a tool to empower them to use the power of the law to advance their rights and interest as citizens and as economic actors. The Legal Services Authorities Act,1987 has been enacted with the object to provide free and competent legal services to the weaker sections of the society to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities and to organize Lok Adalats to secure that the operation of the legal system promote justice on the basis of equal opportunity. Thus Lok Adalats are being constituted at various places in the country for the disposal, in a summary way and through the process of arbitration and settlement between the parties, of large number of cases expeditiously and with lesser costs. This would not only reduce the burden of arrears of work in regular courts, but would also take justice to the door steps of poor and needy, and make justice quicker and less expensive.

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(2) Keeping in mind the above objective, on 15th Dec.2012 , a Mega Lok Adalat was organized in Madhya Pradesh at district and tahsil levels with the inspiration of Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Justice Altamas Kabir and Hon'ble Justice D.K.Jain, Judge, Supreme Court and Executive Chairman, NALSA, and by the order of Hon'ble Chief Justice of M.P.High Court, Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde and under the direction of Hon'ble Justice Shri Krishn Kumar Lahoti, Admn. Judge, M.P.High Court and Executive Chairman, M.P.State Legal Services Authority.

(3) In this Mega Lok Adalat, all the Courts Civil, Criminal, Family, Revenue, Labour, Consumer Forum etc participated and the cases/disputes pending and pre-litigation both were taken up for disposal.

(4) In our State, we had found that people's various matters were against pending in various Government departments. It was common complaint that the villagers/poor people do not get Job cards under MANREGA, Ration Cards, voter identity cards, the order for correction of land records or making mutations, partition etc-- in reasonable time. Similarly, there were

large number of cases/matters pending for payment of wages, compensation, scholarship, reward and other benefits, provided under several Government beneficial schemes in other Government departments and local bodies. In order to resolve people's problems and provide them speedy relief, we had called upon all concerned Government authorities and local bodies to decide maximum matters of people pending before them since long and give them relief. It can be very well presumed that if the people could not get relief from Govt. agencies in time, they would have filed a case before the Court for getting it. Therefore, treating all the claims and applications of people pending before other Govt. departments as pre-litigation and legal service matter, we had persuaded these Govt. departments to settle all the matters in Mega Lok Adalat.

(5) For this Mega Lok Adalat, we had prepared an action plan and Hon'ble Justice K.K.Lahoti, Executive Chairman, State Legal Services Authority had visited some of the districts of State, took more than 20 meetings and gave motivation and direction to all Judicial, Administrative, Police, Revenue, Forest, Labour, Cooperative, Electricity, Labour, Municipal

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Officers. He took meetings with higher officers of Insurance Companies, Members of Bar and Secretaries of Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(6) To encourage people to get benefit of Mega Lok Adalat, we had insisted Electricity, Bank, Local Bodies and other concerning Government departments to give relief to people by reducing and relaxing the amount of tax, surcharge interest and penalty to be levied on, if they settle their disputes in Mega Lok Adalat.

(7) The Electricity Department had given up to 30 to 75 percent rebate in surcharge levied on electricity bill and local bodies like Nagar Nigam(Municipal Corporation)/Nagar Palika had given up to 25 to 100 percent rebate. This was a main incentive to the public for getting their cases compounded in Mega Lok Adalat.

(8) Forest and Horticulture Department had provided the fruit bearing tree, medicinal and other plants for distribution among the litigants/public, who could get their cases settled in Mega Lok Adalat as a mark of peace and harmony. This enhances the green belt and ecological balance too.

(9) This Mega Lok Adalat had got the support of all Members of Bar, Government Officers, Local Bodies, Judges and public. Record number of cases have been decided and people have resolved their disputes by amicable settlement. The salient features of Mega Lok Adalat are given below:

i) **Disposal of pending Civil and Criminal cases**

There are **14,182** Civil cases and **2,48,228** Criminal Cases are settled (total **262410** cases).

ii) The cases under public utility services, MPSIDC, consumer forum and Labour Courts—**10,349** are settled.

iii) **Pre-litigation**

In pre-litigation category, Family Court, Electricity, NI Act, Bank Cases, Public Utility Services, Consumer forum and others—Total **4,22,455** cases have been decided.

iv) **Revenue Cases**

The cases pending before Revenue Court and different applications for relief as Legal service—Total **7,95,383** cases/applications have been settled and **16,02,725** persons are benefited.

v) **Gas Relief cases**

In cases for compensation in Bhopal Gas disaster affected people, **1393** cases are settled and Rs. **27,37,00,125/-** compensation is disbursed to **3465** persons.

vi) **Cooperative Cases**

The cases relating to Cooperative Societies and Cooperative Banks **8598** cases are settled and Rs. **1,03,07,63,798/-** loan amount is recovered and **14643** persons are benefited.

vii) **Municipal Corporation, Nagar Palika and Nagar Panchayat cases**

The cases for recovery of local taxes (property, water, sanitation etc) **286636** no. are settled and Rs **196602350/-** as tax/penalty is recovered and **503042** persons are benefited.

viii) **Motor Accident Claim cases**

In MACT pending cases **7861** no. of cases are settled and Rs, **71,36,73,818/-** compensation is awarded and **19474** persons are benefited.

ix) **Negotiable Instrument Act**

Under Section 138 of N.I.Act, the cases in pre-litigation and pending category total **19,351** cases decided and Rs **1,19,47,30,095/-** is paid and **36059** persons are benefited.

x) **Family Court cases and Matrimonial Cases**

Pending and pre-litigation dispute total **1,153** no. of cases decided and **2280** persons are benefited.

xi) **Pre-litigation Bank Cases**

The cases relating to recovery of loan etc. there are **212642** cases are decided as pre-litigation and Rs.**33,70,15,705/-** loan amount is recovered and **3,73,655** persons are benefited.

xii) **Pending and Pre Litigation Electricity cases**

In this category, total **1,49,613** cases are settled and Rs.**69,37,05,223/-** electric bill/penalty have been levied and **255740** persons are benefited.

xiii) **Legal Services**

a) In Education Department, the applications for various reliefs are decided expeditiously in Mega Lok Adalat and scholarship and other benefits have been given to student (boys and girls) claimants. The total **3,68,161** applications are decided and Rs **13,23,34,929/-** is disbursed.

b) **In Health Department**

There are **59,534** applications for various medical bills, assistance etc are decided and Rs.**6,55,03,615/-** is disbursed among **1,01,212** benefited persons.

c) **Forest Department**

47982 applications are decided and Rs.**55,94,372/-** is disbursed and **81865** persons are benefited.

8) In this Mega Lok Adalat, the total number of cases, disputes, applications for relief as Legal service settled are **27,66,506** and Rs.**6,07,95,17,423/-** are disbursed/levied/paid and **51,75,059** persons are benefited.

9) Therefore, we can very well refer this Mega Lok Adalat a grand success. Although we are not emphasizing on number of settlement but this huge number strengthen our faith on concept of amicable settlement of disputes by people through Lok Adalat. This Mega Lok Adalat certainly had brought peace and happiness among number of families. We could imagine the smile of children when they could

find their parents united. I can quote the following words—

“A smile is quite a funny thing. It wrinkles up your face, but when it is gone, you will never find its secret hiding place. But far more wonderful it is to know what a smile can do, smile at one, they smile at you, and so one smile makes two.”

Anurag Shrivastava
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M.P.State Legal Services
Authority, Jabalpur

Consolidate Nature Wise Report of All District All Benches (Mega Lok Adalat - 15/12/2012)					
Sr. No.	Nature	Referred Cases	Disposed Cases	Awarded Amount	Benefitted Person
CIVIL					
1	Civil Case(Suit A/Suit B)	17130	1990	164323907	6901
2	Civil Misc/Civil Execution/Civil Appeal	11722	3115	167529080	6932
3	Land Acquisition Cases	356	97	50690345	312
4	Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT) Cases	30150	7861	713673818	19474
5	Family Court Cases	622	218	266200	409
6	Matrimonial Cases	4067	677	2500000	1356
7	Other Civil Cases	1241	224	4249073	569
CIVIL TOTAL		65288	14182	1103232423	35953
CRIMINAL					
8	Criminal Regular Cases	120689	40750	736350	95050
9	Criminal Appeal	2851	590	9538207	1489
10	Criminal Revision	722	246	220000	522
11	Criminal MJC	10770	5950	704938	10553
12	Summary Cases (CC)	49624	41799	4662371	72807
13	Maintenance Cases U/S 125/127 CRPC (other than family court)	13707	2396	6966701	5238
14	Gram Nayalaya Cases	2449	722	255500	1587
15	Plea-Bargaining Cases	2204	1471	3725647	2777
16	Electricity Cases(Pending)	139689	43169	419680965	73780
17	Cheque Bounce Regular Cases(138 Negotiable Instrument Act)	56909	16495	1071182581	30805
18	Criminal Cases Withdrawn	24984	21319	59	45302
19	Criminal Cases Final Report(FR)	37787	34852	-	60150
20	Other Criminal Cases	40696	38469	185618	71064
CRIMINAL TOTAL		503081	248228	1517858937	471124
CIVIL AND CRIMINAL TOTAL		568369	262410	2621091360	507077
CRIMINAL_OTHER					
21	Public utility Services(Regular)	3112	2845	803180	4893
22	MP State Industrial Development Corporation(MPSIDC)	38	1	7200000	3
23	Consumer Forum Cases	5713	3518	21805958	6132
24	Labour Court Cases/Industrial Court Cases	5031	3985	23564096	7017
CRIMINAL_OTHER TOTAL		13894	10349	53373234	18045
PRE LITIGATION					
25	Family Court Cases (Pre-Litigation)	571	258	-	515
26	Electricity Cases(Pre-Litigation Cases)	152705	106444	274024258	181960
27	Cheque Bounce Cases(Act 138 negotiable instrument act) (Pre Litigation)	4955	2856	123547514	5254
28	Bank Cases (Pre Litigation)	267503	212642	337015705	373655
29	Public utility Services(Pre-Litigation Cases)	33827	29114	10804532	49605
30	Consumer Forum Cases(Pre Litigation)	257	198	-	342
31	Other Cases(Pre Litigation)	90302	70943	71495122	121039
PRE LITIGATION TOTAL		550120	422455	816887131	732370
REVENUE/OTHER DEPARTMENT					
32	Revenue Cases	923682	795383	105586825	1602725
33	Gas relief Cases	2040	1393	273700125	3465
34	Cooperative Cases	11946	8598	1030763798	14643
35	Municipal Corporation Cases	203217	186564	101916727	332553
36	Nagar Palika Cases	87163	62802	65331444	106950
37	Nagar Panchayat Cases	49322	37270	29354179	63539
38	Jila Panchayat/Janpad Panchayat/MNREGA	654813	503665	778079684	978831
39	Education Department Cases	1028938	368101	132334929	631784
40	Medical Department Cases	82508	59534	65503615	101212
41	Forest Department Cases	54961	47982	5594372	81865
REVENUE/OTHER DEPARTMENT TOTAL		3098590	2071292	2588165698	3917567
GRAND TOTAL		4230973	2766506	6079517423	5175059