

MEGHALAYA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY : SHILLONG
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NOTIFICATION

Dated the 30th March, 2023.

No.MSI.SA.26/2014/347 - In pursuance of Regulation 10 of the National Legal Services Authority (Free and Competent Legal Services) Regulation, 2010 (as amended), the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority is pleased to constitute the '**Monitoring and Mentoring Committees**' set up under Regulation 10 at the State Level and District Level for the purpose of close monitoring of the court based legal services rendered and the progress of the cases in the legal aided matters and to guide and advise the panel lawyers at the State and District levels with the following members:-

Members of the Monitoring and Mentoring Committee

State Level Monitoring and Mentoring Committee

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| 1. Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority | Chairman |
| 2. Officer on Special Duty, Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority or any Judicial Officer posted in the State Authority | Member |
| 3. One Non Official Member who is a retired Judicial Officer or one Advocate of 15 years of standing or more to be nominated by the Chairman of the Committee | Member |

District Level Monitoring and Mentoring Committee


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| 1. Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority | Chairman |
| 2. Senior most Judicial Magistrate/Magistrate First Class of the District. | Member |
| 3. One Non Official Member who is a retired Judicial Officer or one Advocate of 15 years of standing or more to be nominated by the Chairman of the Committee | Member |

The above "**Monitoring and Mentoring Committees**" set up under the Amended Regulation 10 of the National Legal Services Authority (Free and Competent Legal Services) Regulations, 2010 shall replace the existing "**Monitoring Committees**" constituted vide Notification No. MSI.SA. 26/2014/16, dated 14th March, 2016.

Consequent upon this Notification and in pursuance of the Regulation 7 of the National Legal Services Authority (Free and Competent Legal Services) Regulation, 2010 (as amended in 2018), the "**Scrutinizing Committees**" constituted vide No. MSI.SA. 26/2014/5, dated 9th June, 2014 (Last extended vide Notification No. MSI.SA. 26/2014/217, dated 10-09-2020) shall cease to function. The **Scrutiny and Evaluation of the application for free legal services** under Regulation 7 states that in case of application for legal services, eligibility of the applicant and existence of a prima facie case to prosecute or to defend, shall be scrutinized by the Member Secretary or Secretary, as the case may be, or any Officer, deputed by him, provided that a defendant in a civil case and an accused or a convict in a criminal case shall be deemed to have prima facie case to defend or to file an appeal against his conviction and sentence and provided further that in case, there is some difficulty to determine the prima facie case to prosecute, the Member secretary or Secretary may for this purpose, seek opinion from a panel lawyer having more than seven years standing at the Bar.

Functions of the Committee

1. The Monitoring and Mentoring Committees shall function according to the NALSA "*Guidelines for Functioning of Monitoring and Mentoring Committees at District Level*" (copy of the guidelines is enclosed herewith for ready reference).
2. Whenever court based legal aid is provided to an applicant, the Member Secretary or the Secretary as the case may be, shall send the details in Form II to the Monitoring and Mentoring Committee at the earliest.
3. The Monitoring and Mentoring Committee shall assist the Legal Services Institution in organizing training programmes for panel lawyers from time to time to enhance the skill of the panel lawyers.
4. The Monitoring and Mentoring Committee shall mentor the panel lawyers and guide them in providing quality legal services.
5. The Monitoring and Mentoring Committee shall maintain a register for legal aided cases for monitoring the day-to-day progress of the case and the end result (success or failure) in respect of cases for which legal aid is allowed and the said register shall be scrutinised every month by the Member-Secretary or Secretary or the Chairman, as the case may be.
6. The Legal Services Institution may request the Presiding Officer of the court to allow access to the registers maintained by the court for ascertaining the progress of the cases.
7. The Monitoring and Mentoring Committee shall keep a watch on the progress of the case by calling for reports from the panel lawyers within such time as may be determined by the Committee.
8. If the progress of the case is not satisfactory, the Committee may advise the Legal Services Institution to take appropriate steps.
9. The Committees shall meet at least once in a fortnight.
10. The Monitoring and Mentoring Committee may meet as and when the Meeting is convened by the Member-Secretary or Secretary as the case may be.
11. The Monitoring and Mentoring Committee shall submit bi-monthly reports containing its independent assessment on the progress of each and every legal aid case and the performance of the panel lawyer or Retainer lawyer, to the Executive Chairman or Chairman of the Legal Services Institution.



(E. Kharumnuid),
Member Secretary,

Memo. No.MSLSA.26/2014/ 347- A,

Dated the 30th March, 2023.

Copy to:-

1. The Registrar General, High Court of Meghalaya for information.
2. The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Executive Chairman, MSLSA for information of His Lordship.
3. The District & Sessions Judge-Cum-Chairperson, District Legal Services Authority, East Khasi Hills District/West Khasi Hills District/Ri-Bhoi District/West Jaintia Hills District/East Jaintia Hills District/South West Khasi Hills District/West Garo Hills District/East Garo Hills District/North Garo Hills District/South Garo Hills District/South West Garo Hills District for information and necessary action.
4. The Judge, District Council Court/Shillong/Jowai/Tura for information and necessary action.
5. The Chief Judicial Magistrate/Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Shillong/Nongstoin/Jowai/Nongpoh/Khliehriat/Mawkyrwat/Tura/Williamnagar/Resubelpara/Baghmara/Ampati for information and necessary action.
6. The Judicial Magistrate Sohra/Amlarem/Dadengggiri for information.
7. The Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee, High Court of Meghalaya for information.
8. The Sub Divisional Officer (c) Mairang, Pynursla, Ranikor, Mawshynrut, Raksamgre, Chokpot for information.
9. The Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Shillong/Jowai/Tura/Nongstoin/Nongpoh/Williamnagar/Baghmara/Khliehriat/Mawkyrwat/ Resubelpara/ Ampati for information.
10. GP/AGP.....District for information
11. Shri G.F.B.Syngkon, Computer Operator, Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority to upload the Notification in the official website of the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority.


Member Secretary,
Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority,
Shillong.