



From

The Registrar General,
Punjab and Haryana High Court,
Chandigarh.

To

1. The Member Secretary,
Punjab Legal Services Authority,
Second floor, New Block, Old District Court Complex,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.
2. The Member Secretary,
Haryana State Legal Services Authority,
Institutional plot no. 9, Near Kisan Bhawan,
Sector 14, Panchkula.
3. The Member Secretary,
State Legal Services Authority, U.T. Chandigarh,
Additional Delux Building, Ground Floor,
Sector 9, Chandigarh.

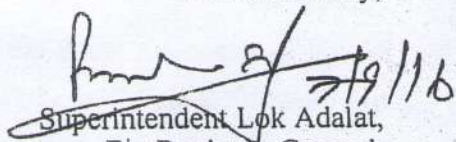
Dated, Chandigarh The _____

Subject: Revision of Scales of Legal fee/legal expenses payable to the Advocates empanelled for providing free legal aid.

Sir,

I am directed to refer you on the subject cited above and to forward herewith a copy of Minutes of meeting held on 23.08.2016 at 04:30 P.M. under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shiavax Jal Vazifdar, Chief Justice and Patron in Chief of the Legal Services Authorities of Punjab, Haryana, U.T. Chandigarh and the High Court Legal Services Committee.

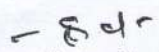
Yours faithfully,


Superintendent Lok Adalat,
For Registrar General,
Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh

Encl.:- As stated above.

Endst. No. _____ Lok Adalat, Dated _____

A copy of the minutes of meeting is forwarded to the Superintendent Rules branch, for information.


Superintendent Lok Adalat,
For Registrar General,
Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD AUGUST, 2016 AT 04.30 P.M. UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHIAVAX JAL VAZIFDAR, CHIEF JUSTICE AND PATRON IN CHIEF OF THE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES OF PUNJAB, HARYANA AND UNION TERRITORY CHANDIGARH AND THE HIGH COURT LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE IN THE CHAMBER OF HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

Present:- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shiavax Jal Vazifdar, Chief Justice and Patron in Chief of Legal Services Authorities of Punjab, Haryana, and UT Chandigarh and High Court Legal Services Committee.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.S. Saron, Executive Chairman, Punjab Legal Services Authority.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal, Executive Chairman, Haryana State Legal Services Authority.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Executive Chairman, UT Legal Services Authority.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Jeyapaul, Chairman, High Court Legal Services Committee.

Shri G.S. Matharoo, Member Secretary, Punjab Legal Services Authority.

Shri Vikram Aggarwal, Member Secretary, Haryana State Legal Services Authority.

Shri Puneesh Jindia, Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee.

Shri Amrinder Sharma, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh.

Subject:- Revision of Scales of legal fee/legal expenses payable to the Advocates empanelled for providing legal aid by Punjab Legal Services Authority, Haryana State Legal Services Authority, UT Legal Services Authority and High Court Legal Services Committee.

The matter with regard to revision of pay scales of the Panel Advocates of Punjab Legal Services Authority, Haryana State Legal Services Authority, UT Legal Services Authority and High Court Legal Services Committee was discussed. After considering the various aspects the following would be the fee structure:

I. **SCALES OF LEGAL FEE PAYABLE TO THE ADVOCATES EMPANELLED FOR PROVIDING LEGAL AID BY PLSA/HLSA AND UT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY:-**

A. **For State/Central Tribunals**

Sr. No.	Nature of Case	Revised Rates
1.	All Types of Cases	₹ 12,500/- per case
2.	Drafting of substantive pleadings	₹ 2200/- per case
3.	Drafting of Miscellaneous applications.	₹ 750/- per application subject to maximum of ₹ 2000/- for all applications in one case.

E. FOR SUBORDINATE COURTS AT ALL LEVELS INCLUDING TRIBUNALS AT DISTRICT LEVEL/CONSUMER FORUMS/REVENUE COURTS:

Sr. No.	Nature of Case	Revised Rates
1.	Sessions Trials	₹ 10,000/- per trial
2.	All other cases	₹ 7500/- per case
3.	Drafting of substantive pleadings	₹ 1800/- per case
4.	Drafting of Miscellaneous applications.	₹ 700 per application subject to maximum of ₹ 1500/- for all applications in one case.

II. SCALES OF LEGAL FEE/LEGAL EXPENSES PAYABLE TO THE ADVOCATES EMPANELLED FOR PROVIDING LEGAL AID BY HIGH COURT LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE (FOR HIGH COURT CASES):-

Sr. No.	Nature of Case	Revised Rates
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil/Criminal Writ petitions, • RSA's; • Criminal Appeals • FAOs/RFAs • Revision (Civil/Criminal) 	₹ 12,500/- per case
2.	Bail Applications and parole matters and other civil/criminal cases not covered at Sr.No. 1	₹ 10,000/- per case
3.	Charges for drafting of substantive pleadings, applications and other miscellaneous charges	20 percent of the fee fixed.

III. GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES/COMMITTEE.

- (1) In cases disposed of through ADR mechanism like Lok Adalat, Arbitration and Mediation and Conciliation, a counsel shall be given full fee.
- (2) In connected cases, the counsel shall be given full fee in the main case and in every connected case (subject to a maximum of five cases) half fee shall be payable. In case connected cases are more than 5 in number then the fee shall be decided by Member Secretary of the concerned Legal Services Authority/Committee.
- (3) For I (A & B) : The fee shall be paid in three stages. 1/3rd of the fee shall be paid at the time of filing of the case/appearance in the case. Next 1/3rd shall be paid on the completion of pleadings/framing of charge. The final 1/3rd fee shall be paid at the conclusion of the case.

For II: 50 % of the total fee will be paid at the time of appearance/filing. The balance 50% shall be paid at the time of conclusion of the case.

Drafting/Miscellaneous Charges (for I & II) will be paid on raising the bill, in this regard.

- (4) When during the course of litigation any legal aid counsel is changed due to incapacitation or cessation of active practice or for any other reason, the new counsel shall be paid fee in terms of Clause 3 above after taking into consideration the stage of case.
- (5) Fees payable in any case not specifically covered in the schedule shall be determined by the Member Secretary concerned, whose decision shall be final.
- (6) In case of any doubt with regard to payment of fee or miscellaneous expenses which may include typing, translation charges etc. the decision of the Member Secretary shall be final.
- (7) The revised fee schedule shall be applicable to the fresh cases allocated after 1st September, 2016. Returned cases allocated prior to this date shall be covered by old fee structure.
- (8) No amount shall be payable for legal advice as the same is to be rendered by retainers.

S. J. Vazifdar
(SHIAVAX JAL VAZIFDAR)
CHIEF JUSTICE

S. S. Saron
(S.S. SARON)
JUDGE

A. Mittal
(AJAY KUMAR MITTAL)
JUDGE

Surya Kant
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JUDGE

M. Jeyapaul
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