**MINUTES OF THE 14TH ALL INDIA MEET OF THE STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES HELD ON 9-10TH APRIL, 2016 AT HYDERABAD, TELANGANA**

The 14th All India Meet of the State Legal Services Authorities was held at Hyderabad, Telangana on Saturday, the 9th April, 2016 and Sunday, the 10th April, 2016. The Meet was inaugurated by Hon’ble Mr. Justice T.S.Thakur, Chief Justice of India & Patron-in-Chief, NALSA in the august presence of Sri K.Chandrashekar Rao, Hon’ble Chief Minister, State of Telangana, Sri D.V.SadanandaGowda, Hon’ble Minister of Law & Justice, Hon’ble Mr. Justice Anil R.Dave, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA, Hon’ble Mr. Justice N.V.Ramana, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon’ble Mr. Justice DilipB.Bhosale, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad, Hon’ble Mr. Justice G.Chandraiah, Executive Chairman, Telangana State Legal Services Authority and Hon’ble Mr. Justice Ramesh Ranganathan, Executive Chairman, A.P.State Legal Services Authority.

The following dignitaries were present:

Executive Chairpersons of State Legal Services Authorities.

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|  | Andhra Pradesh  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice Ramesh Ranganathan |
|  | Arunachal Pradesh  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice A.K.Goswami |
|  | Assam  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice Hrishikesh Roy |
|  | Bihar  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice Ramesh Kumar Datta |
|  | Chhattisgarh  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava (Representative)  |
|  | Goa  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice F.M.Ries |
|  | Gujarat  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice M.R.Shah |
|  | Haryana  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal |
|  | Himachal Pradesh  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Karol |
|  | Jammu & Kashmir  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice MohemmedYaqoob Mir  |
|  | Jharkhand  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice D.N.Patel |
|  | Karnataka  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice N.K.Patil |
|  | Kerala  |  |
|  | Madhya Pradesh  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice RajendraMenon |
|  | Maharashtra, Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli | Hon’ble Mr. Justice V.M.Kanade |
|  | Manipur  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice N.Kotiswar Singh  |
|  | Meghalaya | Hon’ble Mr. Justice SudipRanjanSen |
|  | Mizoram  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice UjjalBuyan |
|  | Nagaland  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice NishitenduChaudhury |
|  | Orissa  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice Vinod Prasad  |
|  | Punjab  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice S.S.Saron |
|  | Rajasthan  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice Ajay Rastogi |
|  | Sikkim  | Hon’ble Mrs. Justice MeenakshiM.Rai |
|  | Tamil Nadu  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice SatishK.Agnihotri |
|  | Telangana  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice G.Chandraiah |
|  | Tripura  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice U.B.Saha |
|  | Uttar Pradesh  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice V.K.Shukla |
|  | Uttarakhand | Hon’ble Mr. Justice V.K.Bish |
|  | West Bengal  | Hon’ble Mrs. Justice Indira Banerjee  |
|  | Andaman & Nicobar Islands  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice Soumitra Pal |
|  | Chandigarh  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant  |
|  | Delhi  |  |
|  | Lakshadweep  |  |
|  | Puducherry  | Hon’ble Mr. Justice M.Jaichandran |

Member Secretaries, State Legal Services Authorities present

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|  | Andhra Pradesh  | Shri G.Shyam Prasad  |
|  | Arunachal Pradesh  | Shri Budi Bahung |
|  | Assam  | Shri M.K.Saikia |
|  | Bihar  | Shri Om Prakash  |
|  | Chhattisgarh  | Shri Rajnish Srivastava  |
|  | Goa  | Shri S.C.Chandak |
|  | Gujarat  | Shri H.S.Mulia |
|  | Haryana  | Shri Vikram Aggarwal |
|  | Himachal Pradesh  | Shri Yashwant Singh |
|  | Jammu & Kashmir  | Shri R.N.Watal |
|  | Jharkhand  | Shri Naveet KumarShri Santosh Kumar, Secretary, HCLSC |
|  | Karnataka  | Shri Ashok G.Nijagannavar |
|  | Kerala  | Shri K.Sathyan |
|  | Madhya Pradesh  | Shri Dinesh Kumar NaikShri Anand Kumar Tiwari, Deputy Secretary  |
|  | Maharashtra  | Shri S.N.Yadav, Deputy Secretary |
|  | Manipur  | Ms.R.K.Memcha Devi |
|  | Meghalaya  | Shri W.Diengdoh |
|  | Mizoram | Shri Joel Joseph Denga |
|  | Nagaland  | Mrs. Nino Iralu |
|  | Orissa  | Shri Sashikanta Mishra  |
|  | Punjab  | Shri Tejinderbir Singh |
|  | Rajasthan  | Shri Hemant Singh, I/c |
|  | Sikkim  | Shri K.W.BhutiaMrs. Matilda Isaacs, Spl. Secretary  |
|  | Tamil Nadu  | Shri A.Venkateshwara Reddy |
|  | Telangana  | Thiru RMT. Teekaa Raman  |
|  | Tripura  | Shri B.Palit |
|  | Uttar Pradesh  | Shri SatyaNarainAgnihotri |
|  | Uttarakhand | Shri Prashant Joshi |
|  | West Bengal  | Shri AbhijitSom |
|  | Andaman & Nicobar Islands  | Shri Prasenjit Biswas |
|  | UT Chandigarh | Shri Lal Chand  |
|  | Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu | Shri S.G.Mehare |
|  | Delhi  | Shri Dharmesh SharmaShri Sanjeev Jain, OSD |
|  | Lakshadweep  | Shri B.Ramakantha |
|  | Puducherry  | Shri C.V.Karthikeyan |

The Meet started with the Hon’ble Chairman welcoming all the Members.

**Agenda Item No.1**: **Confirmation of the Minutes of the 13th All India Meet of State Legal Services Authorities held at Ranchi on 21st – 22nd March, 2015.**

The Minutes of the 13th All India Meet held at Ranchi on 21st& 22ndMarch, 2015 were approved and confirmed.

**Agenda Item No.2 Appointment of Full Time Secretaries, other officers/supporting staff etc. in each District Legal Services Authority.**

It was pointed out that in many States, the posts of Full Time District Secretaries have not yet been sanctioned despite the matter being emphasized repeatedly even in the meetings of the Hon’ble Chief Justices and Chief Ministers of all the States. In some of the States, the posts even though sanctioned, could not be filled up due to lack of adequate number of judicial officers.

The Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA stressed the need for having sufficient staff for the State and District Legal Services Authoritiesas the work has been increasing by the day due to recent expansion of both, the range and the reach of the Legal Services Institutions.

The Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA emphasized the need for a planned implementation of the programmes and for getting the accounts regularly maintained and audited. His Lordship further opined that since judicial officers may not be experts in administration, accounts and use of computers, we may also need some other officers to assist the Member Secretary/Secretaries DLSAs for better implementation of the programmes, keeping proper accounts and better case monitoring and reporting.His Lordship therefore emphasized that there should be expert personsto look after the work of Administration and Accounts. Experts in IT would also be required.

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA suggested that the requirement of additional manpower should be optimised and if possible we should look for one multifaceted person to handle all the above functions.

***Resolution:****It was resolved that the SLSAs shall persuade the State Governments to sanction posts of Member Secretary, SLSA/Secretary, DLSAs wherever not sanctioned and wherever these posts have been sanctioned, SLSAs shall through the Hon’ble Executive Chairmen ,request the High Courtsto take steps to fill up all the vacant posts of Secretaries, DLSAs.*

***Resolution:****It was further resolved that the SLSAs shall assess their requirements of staff in the Legal Services Institutions and send proposals for creation of such posts, to the State Governments and, in the meanwhile with the approval of Executive Chairpersons SLSAs, one or more persons, having knowledge/experience of computers, administration and accounts may be appointed on short term contract basis at a reasonable remuneration as fixed by the Hon’ble Executive Chairpersons, SLSAs, payable from NALSA funds.*

**Agenda Item No. 3. Enhancing quality of legal representation.**

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA expressed concern at the Parliamentary Standing Committees’ observations about the low quality of Legal Services provided by the SLSAs. The said Committee had also expressed concern at the abysmally low fee paid to the lawyers by some SLSAs, because of which, they were not able to attract good talent. His Lordship felt that we should have some reasonable minimum standard of fees. The House was apprised of the decision of the Central Authority meet held on 9.4.2016, wherein the fee structure suggested by the Committee constituted to look into the lawyers fee was resolved to be adopted as the minimum fee payable to the panel Advocates by all SLSAs.

Apart from the question of fee payable to the panel lawyers, selection of good advocates, their monitoring and the need for training were also considered. The Hon’ble Executive Chairman, Telangana informed that in the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, designated Senior Advocates are also being requested to provide legal aid. The Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA appreciated the suggestions and observed that the Legal Services Authorities or the Courts themselves may request any Senior Advocate to appear for f parties who does not have a lawyer, to which the Senior Advocates would usually agree.

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA apprised the House that Training Module Committee of NALSA is in the process of developing Modules for Training of Legal Services Lawyers,Training of and Para Legal Volunteers, Training of Probation Officers and Legal Services Lawyers attached to the Juvenile Justice Boards. Part-I of the Lawyers Training Module has already been released in the last annual Meet at Ranchi and SLSAs are already conducting Lawyers training according to the module. 3 ToT programme had already been conducted at Delhi and further trainings for master trainers can be conducted either at Delhi or on regional basis, as per requirement.

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA next emphasised the need for proper monitoring of the work done by panel lawyers so that the progress of each case can be known periodically.

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, Andhra Pradesh suggested that a provision should be made for entering the cases entrusted to panel lawyers in the e-courts system available with the High Courts whereby all adjournments can be monitored.

***Resolution:****It was resolved that all SLSAs shall immediately, by way of Regulations framed in exercise of power conferred under Section 29A of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 or otherwise, fix the fee payable to their Panel Advocates at a rate not lower than that approved by the Central Authority on 9th April, 2016. The fee may be paid from either one or both of the funds allocated by the State Government and by NALSA (the relevant extracts of the minutes of the meet of the Central Authority of NALSA are annexed herewith).*

***Resolution:****It was further resolved that the SLSAs shall constitute Monitoring Committees in terms of Regulation 10 of the NALSA (Free and Competent Legal Services) Regulations, 2010. The Monitoring Committees shall evolve a mechanism to closely monitor the progress of each legal aid case and performance of each panel lawyer, guide the panel lawyer wherever required and recommend suitable action for non-performance.*

***Resolution:****It was also resolved that all SLSAs shall draw up a calendar for conducting regular training of Panel Lawyers in each district. If required, the SLSAs can request NALSA to conduct training programmes for training of the Master Trainers (ToT).*

**Agenda Item No. 4. Performance of Legal Services Clinics.**

**Jail Clinics**

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA expressed concern about the perception of the Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee regarding quality of legal services to under-trial prisoners. His Lordship also informed that the Committee Members had visited some jails and had interacted with some prisoners. Shri Rajesh Kumar Goel, Director, NALSA shared his experience of Jail visits along with the Members of Parliamentary Standing Committee and also informed about the resolution passed in the Central Authority regarding the issue of providing legal aid to the under trial prisoners.

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA observed that the perceptions may be right or wrong but in any case, we have to introspect and ensure that the prisoners get adequate legal aid. It was emphasized that visit of jail visiting Advocates should be more frequent and each prisoner should be personally contacted and record be maintained with regard to his/her requirement of legal aid.

Hon’ble Executive Chairmen of Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Chandigarh, Bihar and Orissa informed that in the jails in their States, some long term prisoners have been trained as PLVs who contact other prisoners on a regular basis and report to the Panel Lawyers. The Hon’ble Executive Chairman, West Bengal informed that at Kolkatta, retired Judicial Officers have been engaged to meet the prisoners and seek their requirements. The above initiatives were highly appreciated by the Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA.

***Resolution:****It was resolved that the SLSAs shall establish Legal Services Clinics in all Jails, wherever not yet established, to provide free legal services to the jail inmates in need thereof. The SLSAs shall ensure adequate frequency of visits of Panel Advocates and PLVs (preferably, everyday) to Jails so that each UTP is provided the required legal assistance.*

***Resolution:*** *It was further resolved that the SLSAs shall take up the matter with the Jail Authorities to give adequate publicity to the Jail Clinics, and to facilitate interview of jail inmates by jail visiting panel lawyers and PLVs to provide easy access to legal services.*

***Resolution:*** *It was also resolved that the SLSAs shall organise legal awareness camps inside the jails, put up permanent boards/hoardings displaying information about availability of free legal services inside the jails and conduct sensitisation programmes for PLVs selected from amongst long term prisoners or other jail inmates.*

**Clinics in Educational Institutions.**

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA emphasised the importance of clinics in educational institutions. His Lordship stated that students are generally very enthusiastic in legal and social activities and ultimately, the exposure will be helpful to gain practical knowledge and the students will be sensitized and groomed to subsequently become respectable citizens and lawyers.

Hon’ble Executive Chairperson, West Bengal SLSA informed that WBSLSA in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Legal Studieshas adopted the Champasari Gram Panchayat area for the purpose of giving legal aid with the help of the students particularly to workers in the unorganised sectors who have been badly hit by the closure of the tea-gardens etc. Students are visiting the said area with an objective to ascertain the work, their need and to act as bridge between legal services institutions, labour commissioner, cooperative societies, banks etc.

***Resolution:*** *It was resolved that a Legal Services Clinic shall be established in every Law College/University in terms of NALSA (Legal Services Clinics in Universities, Law Colleges and other Institutions) Scheme, 2013.*

**Agenda Item No. 5: Need based Utilisation of Para-Legal Volunteers.**

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA stated that we need to put in place best practices for monitoring, verification and payments to the PLVs to strengthen the para legal volunteers’ scheme.

It was highlighted that PLVs being community based persons may be very helpful in reaching out to the marginalised sections of the society who are the target groups for most of the programmes and schemes of the legal services institutions.

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, Assam emphasised the need for identifying the most deprived even out of the marginalised sections, highlighting their issues and facilitating effective action to ameliorate their conditions. His Lordship referred to the programme initiated by the Assam SLSA by the name “Reach out and Respond” and recommended that all SLSAs initiate similar programmes in their States.

**Agenda Item No.6: Legal Awareness Programmes and School Legal Literacy Programmes.**

There was an elaborate discussion on the Legal Awareness Programmes and School Legal Literacy Programmes. The Hon’ble Executive Chairman, Rajasthan informed that more than 1.70 lacs students had participated in debates and various other programmes conducted by the legal services institutions in Rajasthan in the year 2015. The students were very enthusiastic and the school legal literacy programme was doing very well in Rajasthan. The Hon’ble Executive Chairman, Himachal Pradesh informed that apart from spreading awareness about environment through the students, they were involved along with forest department officials, in planting over 6 lacs trees in the first year and about 3.5 lacs trees in the second year.

It was agreed that it shall be the endeavour of all SLSAs to strengthen legal literacy programmes in the Schools/Colleges and, as far as possible, to engage female teachers as PLVs in conducting legal awareness programmes in schools for students.

**Agenda Item No.7: Legal Services to Under Trials Prisoners.**

Shri Rajesh Kumar Goel, Director, NALSA informed about the recent directions of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India in *W.P.No.406/2013 titled In Re: Inhuman Conditions of 1382 prisoners.*

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, Rajasthan stated that in Rajasthan all prisoners who were qualified under Section 436ACr.PC have been granted bail and have been released. His Lordship, expressed reservations on the propriety of the Under-Trial Review Committees recommending release of prisoners involved in cases of compoundable offences to the trial courts on judicial side. There was, however, a consensus that the Committees shall identify and bring all such cases to the notice of the Trial Courts.

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA impressed upon the State Legal Services Authorities to do the needful as soon as possible.

***Resolution:*** *It was resolved that the SLSAs shall strictly comply with the orders of Hon’ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.No.406/2013 titled In Re: Inhuman Conditions of 1382 prisons.*

***Resolution:*** *It was further resolved that the SLSAs shall ensure that there are sufficient number of Panel Advocates in each district, and these Panel Lawyers are sensitized in terms of directions of Hon’ble Supreme Court of India in the aforesaid case.*

***Resolution:*** *It was also resolved that the SLSAs shall ensure that an Under-Trial Review Committee (UTRC) is constituted in every District. All UTRCs will hold quarterly meetings to review the cases of all UTPs who are:*

1. *entitled to be released on bail u/s 436 A Cr.P.C;*
2. *who have been granted bail but could not be released due to non- furnishing of bail bond;*
3. *Involved in Criminal Compoundable offence; and recommend suitable action to be taken by the DLSAs.*

***Resolution:****It was further resolved that the SLSAs shall periodically conduct LokAdalats for Compoundable Criminal offence cases of UTPs.*

**Agenda Item No. 8: LokAdalats/Mediation.**

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA appreciated the efforts made by the SLSAs in disposing of large number of pending cases through LokAdalats. His Lordship emphasized that only genuine pre-litigation cases should be included in the disposal.

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, Bihar SLSA drew the attention of the House towards the resolution passed at the 13th All India Meet of the SLSAs held at Ranchi to include only those cases which would result in passing of an executable decree immediately or in future, if disposed of through LokAdalats. Other matters cannot be included in the LokAdalatsand may be recorded under the head of ‘services’. It was agreed that the said decision has to be strictly followed.

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA suggested that the practice followed in some courts of sending a letter along with the summons to the defendant regarding availability of Mediation facilities in the courts needs to be followed everywhere.

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA also expressed concerns about low referral to mediation in many of the States. His Lordship pointed out that at some places, referrals are very low despite there being a large number of trained mediators. Therefore, the need for further Mediation trainings at such locations need to be reassessed but more training should be conducted at places where the referrals are more.

Hon’ble Executive Chair person, West Bengal SLSA pointed out that in her State, the Mediation Regulation stipulate that the parties would bear the cost of mediation. However, the Hon’ble Executive Chairman opined that if the matters are referred to mediation by the courts under Section 89 CPC, the parties who are already bearing the cost of litigation, should not be asked to bear additional cost of mediation. Therefore, there is need to amend the regulation in West Bengal.

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, Himachal Pradesh pointed out that 13th Finance Commission allocated an amount of Rs.1 crore for construction of each ADR Centre. However, this amount is too low for such construction in hilly areas. His Lordship wanted to know if the funds allocated by NALSA could be used for this purpose. His Lordship also asked whether NALSA funds could be used to pay the fees to the mediators.

The Member Secretary, NALSA submitted that the State Governments are allocating funds separately for payment of fees to the mediators. NALSA only contributes the funds for the purpose of MCPC to conduct training programmes. So far as the cost of construction of ADR centres is concernedan amount of Rs. 1 crore for each ADR centrewas allocated by 13th Finance Commission. The 14th Finance Commission report has also allocated some amount both for ADR centres as well as for payment to mediators. Presently, the conditions of the grant-in-aid to NALSA by the Central Government do not appear to authorise its being used for construction of any building or for any major infrastructural facilities. Hon’ble Executive Chairman, Himachal Pradesh observed that NALSA should examine the possibilities on both the above counts and inform the SLSAs later on.

***Resolution:*** *It was resolved that all SLSAs shall strictly adhere to the definition of Pre-litigation matters, as adopted in the 13th All India Meet of the State Legal Services Authorities held at Ranchi on 21st March, 2015, and ensure that only genuine disposal figures are recorded in this respect.*

***Resolution:*** *It was further resolved that the SLSAs shall ensure that the figures of disposal of pending cases, as recorded by all DLSAs and HCLSCs, verifiably correspond to the reduction of pendency of such cases in the respective Courts.*

**Agenda Item No. 9: Victim Compensation Scheme.**

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA highlighted the concerns with regard to payment of compensation to the victims. It was pointed out that there were funds lying with the State Governments for the purpose of the Victims Compensation Scheme but were not being utilised. Usually the Courts only look at punishment to the accused, but forget the victims because the victim is not before them.

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, Tamil Nadu SLSA stated that it is their responsibility to assess, monitor and then make recommendations regarding the amount of compensation to be awarded. Hon’ble theActing Chief Justice, High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad stated that the judges have to be first sensitized. His Lordship also said that today for the first time we have given award of compensation to the victims in our State.

Director, NALSA and the Member Secretary, Delhi State Legal Services Authority informed that in Delhi, the funds are placed at the disposal of the Member Secretary, SLSA and as soon as the order of the DLSA Secretary awarding the compensation is received, the compensation is paid by the SLSA through ECS, within 24 hours. There was a consensus that there should be a uniform policy across the country on who is to administer the fund.

Concern was also raised about the huge difference in the rates of compensation as fixed by the Victims Compensation Scheme of different States for various injuries. It was pointed out that all the States have their own schemes for victim compensation under Section 357A and there is also a scheme floated by the Central Government. Director, NALSA informed the house about the Judgment of the Hon’ble Supreme Court in Cr. Appeal No.884 of 2015 titled as Tekan@Tekram vs. State of Madhya Pradesh (Chhattisgarh), wherein it was directed that all SLSAs should follow the quantum of compensation as fixed under the scheme adopted by the State of Goa. It was agreed that NALSA would send a copy of judgment to all SLSAs.

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, Assam SLSA informed that in case of a victim of a sexual assault, first interim compensation of Rs.1 lac was paid to her by the Assam SLSA even when she was admitted in the hospital.

***Resolution:*** *It was resolved that SLSAs will follow up with the State Governments for providing victim compensation fund at the disposal of SLSAs/DLSAs so that the victims get compensation forthwith after passing of awards by the DLSAs under Section 357-A Cr.P.C.*

***Resolution:*** *It was further resolved that the SLSAs shall request the State Governments to revise their victim compensation schemes, on the lines of the Scheme framed by the State of Goa, in terms of the Judgment of the Hon’ble Supreme Court in Cr.Appeal No. 884 of 2015 titled as Tekan alias Tekramvs State of Madhya Pradesh.*

**Agenda Item No. 10: Utilization of Grant-in-Aid.**

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA pointed out the importance of effective utilization of the allocated funds and prompt issuance of utilisation certificates as no fund could be released without receipt of the same. It was pointed out that utilisation certificates were not being received regularly from most of the States. His Lordship said that with regard to the accounts etc, we have to be very careful, and we have to get all accounts regularly audited.

Hon’ble Executive Chairman, NALSA impressed upon all SLSAs to spend the entire amount of funds allocated to them in an optimum manner and submit the utilisation certificates in time.

***Resolution:*** *It was resolved that all SLSAs shall formulate a comprehensive plan to effectively utilize the unspent funds lying with them, and submit utilization certificates as soon as the earliest unspent grant is fully utilized.*

***Resolution:****It was further resolved that the SLSAs shall send the reports of the CAG Audit along with the utilisation certificate to NALSA in respect of the funds allocated by NALSA. In case of delay in furnishing the CAG Audit Report, the SLSAs shall furnish the utilisation certificate along with the statement of accounts, duly audited by a Chartered Accountant, to NALSA.*

**Item No. 11. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.**

No other matter was discussed. 623The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

**(Alok Agarwal)**

Member Secretary, NALSA

It is submitted that the draft Minutes of the 14th All India Meet of State Legal Services Authorities held on 9th& 10th April, 2016 at Hyderabad, Telangana has been prepared and is placed below for kind approval. After approval, the same will be circulated to Hon’ble Executive Chairpersons of State Legal Services Authorities through Member Secretaries of the respective State Authorities.

Submitted for kind approval.

Member Secretary

**Hon’ble Executive Chairperson**

**Hon’ble Patron-in-Chief**