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## SIKKIM STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

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Date 23.03.2020

### NOTIFICATION

In view of Office Memorandum dated 5<sup>th</sup> of March, 2020 of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India by which an advisory had been issued cautioning against mass gathering to avoid the spread of COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus disease and the Government of Sikkim, in view of the rapid spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus in the country, having also issued a Notification dated 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, containing certain directions for strict compliance, the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority is pleased to issue the following instructions:

- 1) Entry to the Sikkim SLSA complex shall be restricted. Entire SLSA complex shall be sanitized twice daily. Sanitizers shall also be made available for the learned Advocates, visitors as well as staff at the entry point.
- 2) All urgent correspondences to this Authority may be sent via email and the response shall also be made by email by the SLSA (sikkim\_slsa@live.com), including giving free legal aid for any case/matter.
- 3) The Legal Aid Beneficiaries and general public by way of Notice shall be requested not to visit Sikkim SLSA complex unless it is urgent or inevitable.
- 4) Lok Adalats at the High Court level/District level/Taluka level is postponed till 15.04.2020 or until further orders and the parties whose cases are listed before such Lok Adalats be informed by the respective Lok Adalats.



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- 5) Alternative Dispute Resolution Centres in all the Districts shall be sanitized daily. Sanitizers shall also be made available for the Ld. Advocates, parties related to cases and the concerned staff of the ADR Centres.
- 6) Retainer Lawyers and Para-Legal Volunteers in all the Districts who are assigned to visit Old Age Homes, Child Care Institutions, Front Offices, etc are advised not to visit such Institutions, unless it is absolutely necessary.
- 7) The District Legal Services Authorities and Taluk Legal Services Committees are advised not to conduct any Sensitization Programmes/Legal Awareness Camps for the time being.
- 8) Seating arrangement of staff of Sikkim SLSA shall be looked into to assess whether there is over-crowding in any particular room and, if required, alternative sitting arrangement may be worked out to avoid over-crowding.
- 9) Functions or events to be organized by Sikkim SLSA shall be suspended if already fixed and shall not organize any such events for the time being.
- 10) The above instructions are issued in larger public interest for the welfare of all stakeholders and the same shall be effective until 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.

By Order,

  
MEMBER SECRETARY