

## **KARNATAKA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, BENGALURU**

### **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for conducting E-Lok-Adalat**

1. The Presiding Officer of each court shall take up all such cases where it appears that there is an element of settlement.
2. The Presiding Officer of each Court shall identify the cases which are ready for settlement/pre-conciliation and send the list to DLSA/TLSC well in advance without any kind of delay.
3. All Member Secretaries of DLSA/TLSC shall prepare a list of Advocates for petitioners/claimants and respondents/Insurance Companies by obtaining their whatsapp number and E-mail ID well in advance.
4. The DLSAs/TLSCs can also collect the list of cases ready for settlement from the counsel for the parties to the cases.
5. In MVC Cases, the DLSAs shall prepare a list by grouping the cases depending on the Insurance Company and exchange it with counsel for Insurance company/claimant lawyers, through mail/electronic mode.
6. The DLSAs/TLSCs shall fix a date for conciliation in advance and same shall be intimated to the learned counsel for claimants & respondents/insurance company through mail/SMS/WhatsApp requesting them to participate in pre-conciliation through VC (each Court can take up 15 to 25 cases per day at different time slots).
7. In MVC Cases, the Presiding Officer shall direct the claimant counsel to produce all necessary documents viz., medical bills, particulars of DL, RC, FC Insurance policy of the offending vehicle and also Aadhar Card, bank account particulars of the claimant/claimants to the Court and scanned copies of the said documents shall be sent through mail to the counsel for Insurance Company or the Insurance Company itself, well in advance.
8. Once the matter is ready for settlement, benches shall be constituted for the Lok Adalat and proceedings shall be held through VC only. The E-Lok-Adalat shall dispose of the matter by satisfying that the matter is settled and call-upon the learned counsel to file the joint memo by delivering the same into the drop box placed at the Court premises for said purpose.

9. In respect of the cases settled in Lok-Adalat, Learned counsel for both the parties shall sign the Joint Memo/compromise petition and obtain the signatures of the parties and scanned soft copy of Joint Memo may be sent to the respective Court, immediately on the same day. The Lok-Adalat can check the authenticity and confirm about the lawful settlement, from the claimants through VC. The courts may follow the directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court in WP No.7338/2020 dated 10.07.2020 regarding the settlement of the cases.
10. The award shall contain a direction to the Insurance Company to credit the award amount directly to the Bank account of the claimant / claimants through RTGS / NEFT (subject to condition for F.D. as ordered). The Bank account number of the claimant and IFSC Code shall be mentioned in the award itself.
11. The Insurance Company shall credit the award amount directly to the bank account of the claimant as ordered in the award and send the acknowledgment (through mail) to the concerned Court for reference. While depositing the award amount to the bank, the concerned insurance company shall intimate the bank regarding the direction given in the award regarding Fixed Deposit.
12. In case of any order for deposit of amount, there must be a direction to the party to invest the said amount in F.D and direction to the bank not to allow withdrawal by the party unless investment through F.D. is not made as directed in the award.

**Regarding fixation of Notional Income:**

Uniformity has to be there for awarding compensation towards 'loss of income', 'loss of income during laid up period' and 'loss of future prospects'. In many a case there would be no proof of income and in such circumstances, the Court may adopt the income indicated in the following table and same is also being considered for settlement of cases before the Principal Bench and the Benches at Kalaburagi and Dharwad. The zonal districts coming under the respective Benches of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka may adopt the table applicable to them.

**(Applicable to all districts coming under the Hon'ble High Court of  
Karnataka, Principal Bench Bengaluru)**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>INCOME PER MONTH</b>
2008	4500/-
2009	5000/-
2010	5500/-
2011	6500/-
2012	7000/-
2013	8000/-
2014	8500/-
2015	9000/-
2016	9500/-
2017	11000/-
2018	12500/-
2019	14000/-

**(Applicable to all districts coming under the Hon'ble High Court of  
Karnataka, Dharwad and Kalaburagi Benches)**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>INCOME PER MONTH</b>
2000-2001	3000/-
2002-2003	3250/-
2004-2005	3500/-
2006	3750/-
2007	4000/-
2008	4250/-
2009	5000/-
2010	5500/-
2011	6000/-
2012	6500/-
2013	7000/-
2014-15	7500/- to 8000/-
2016	8750/-
2017	10250/-

2018	11750/-
2019	13250/-

Bengaluru,  
Date: 13.08.2020

Sd/-  
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