

SUPREME COURT LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Dated: 15.06.2021

**CIRCULAR**

This is to inform all concerned that SCLSC with approval of the Hon'ble Chairman vide order dated 07.04.2021 has decided to amend the procedure of requisite legal formalities in relation to the Affidavit for legal services to be submitted to SCLSC. It is noteworthy to mention that Regulation 5 of the National Legal Services Authority (Free and Competent Legal Services) Regulations, 2010 has already been substituted by Notification no. L/61/10/NALSA dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018 for Regulation 5 (w.e.f. 25.10.2018). The Regulation 5 after substitution reads as under:

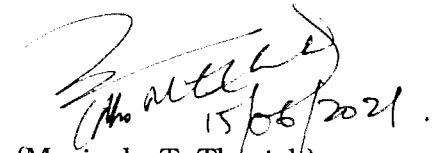
***"5 Proof of entitlement of free legal services:- A self-certificate of the applicant, along with self-attested copy of relevant documents or certificate, if any, that he falls under the categories of persons entitled to free legal services under Section 12 of the Act shall ordinarily be sufficient".***

Further, clause (2) of Regulation 17 of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee Regulations, 1996 vide GSR 15(E), dated 26.02.2000 (w.e.f. 22.02.2000) has been omitted by the Central Authority in exercise of its powers vested under Section 29 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 (39 of 1987).

Henceforth the amendments as directed are mentioned hereunder:

- a) To accept the self-attested copies of documents and certificates and change the existing practice of accepting notarized copy of Affidavit and
- b) To omit the reference '**Relevant to clause(2) of Regulation 17 of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee Regulations, 1996**' mentioned on the head of the affidavit.

All concerned are directed to ensure the compliance of above.

  
(Mezivolu T. Theriah)  
Secretary.