GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL OF DELHI DEPARTMENT OF LAW, JUSTICE & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS 8TH LEVEL, C-WING, DELHI SECRETARIAT, I.P ESTATE,

NEW DELHI

Dated: 18/4/2023 F.NO. 5 (669)/LJ&LA/Lit/Advocate Matter/2023

Office Memorandum

It has been noticed that in some cases the Government Counsel(s) empanelled by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have filed affidavits without obtaining written instructions from the concerned Departments. It has also been brought to the notice that in certain cases the Government Counsel(s) have made written and verbal submissions at variance with stand of the concerned Departments. Such instances have caused embarrassment to Government Departments and have been viewed seriously.

All Standing Counsel(s)/ Additional Standing Counsel(s) and empanelled Counsel(s) are therefore directed to ensure that the written and verbal submissions made by them shall have to be strictly in consonance with the written instructions given to them with the approval of administrative Secretary of the concerned Department.

3. These instructions are also being brought to the notice of all administrative Secretaries/HoDs for ensuring compliance.

> (Bharat Parashar) Principal Secretary (Law, Justice & LA)

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Copy to:-

- 1. All the Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/HoDs, Govt. of NCT of Delhi with the request to circulate the above directions among all the counsel(s) empanelled by them or empanelled by the other autonomous bodies under their control.
- 2. Sh. Santosh Kumar Tripathi, Standing Counsel (Civil), 423, Block-I, Delhi High Court, Delhi with request to circulate among all ASCs and Panel Counsel(s).

- 3. Sh. Sanjay Lao, Standing Counsel (Criminal), 422, Delhi High Court Building, Delhi High Court, Delhi with request to circulate among all ASCs and APPs.
- 4. All Senior/special Advocates through concerned Departments.
- 5. All empanelled Advocates for District Courts through email.

Copy forwarded for information to :-

1. Staff Officer to the Chief Secretary, Government of NCT of Delhi, 5th Level, A-Wing, Delhi Secretariat, Delhi.

2. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister (Law), Government of NCT of Delhi,

8th Level, A-Wing, Delhi Secretariat, Delhi.

(Bharat Parashar)

Principal Secretary (Law, Justice & LA)