

CHRI welcomes the move by the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authorities who have proposed the amendment for the Regulations of Rajasthan State Legal Services Authorities (1999) to increase remuneration of legal aid lawyers. Poor and unchanging standard of fees since 1999 has been an obstacle for effective representation by legal aid lawyers.

Notification passed by the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authorities on March 20, 2012 (Jaipur) in exercise of powers conferred under section 29 A of the Legal Services Authority Act (1987) proposed the amendment of regulation 22. It states that if services of legal practitioner cannot be arranged in honorarium manner, the concerned Committee or District Authority may appoint a legal practitioner and pay the following fees:

- (a) For Court of Tehsildar, Executive Magistrate, Civil Judge, Judicial Magistrate, Sub-Division Officer, Assistant Collector & other similar courts the fee has increased from 400 to 2000 Rupees per case with 500 Rupees of expenses of the case.
- (b) For District Magistrate, Additional District Magistrate, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Revenue Appellate Authority and other Tribunals the fee increased from 600 to 3000 Rupees per case with expenses of 500 rupees per case.
- (c) For Court of District, Session Judge, Additional District, Session Judge the fee increased from 900 to 4500 Rupees per case with expenses of 500 rupees per case.
- (d) The fee for the High Court increased from 1100 to 5500 Rupees per case with expenses of 1000 rupees per case.

Additionally, in petty and miscellaneous cases such as bail applications and revision petitions of cases under section 107, 125, 145 and 133 of the Criminal Procedure Code (Cr.P.C.). 1/3 of amount of fee as specified in clauses (a) to (d) and expenses of 500 rupees per case shall be paid. Provided, further in the withdrawal cases ½ amount of fee as specified above shall be paid.