

# MEGA LOK ADALAT

## AT JHARKHAND HIGH COURT

**A** Mega Lok Adalat was organized on 09<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 in the premises of the Jharkhand High Court by Jharkhand High Court Legal Services Committee in association with JHALSA.

The said Mega Lok Adalat was blessed by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Altamas Kabir**, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. J. Mukhopadhaya**, Chief Justice, Gujarat High Court, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Y. Eqbal**, Chief Justice, Madras High Court, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhagwati Prasad**, Chief Justice, Jharkhand High Court, Ranchi, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sushil Harkauli**, Judge, Jharkhand High Court and Executive Chairman, JHALSA, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amareshwar Sahay**, the then Judge, Jharkhand High Court and

Chairman, High Court Legal Services Committee, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. K. Merathia** in the presence of Hon'ble Judges of the Jharkhand High Court.

For the smooth functioning of the Mega Lok Adalat, six benches were constituted in which about 500 cases relating to First Appeal arising out of Land Acquisition cases, Writ petitions arising out of retrial benefits, Miscellaneous Appeals arising out of Motor Vehicle Accident Claim cases, Civil Contempt cases, L.P.A. etc. were listed for settlement.

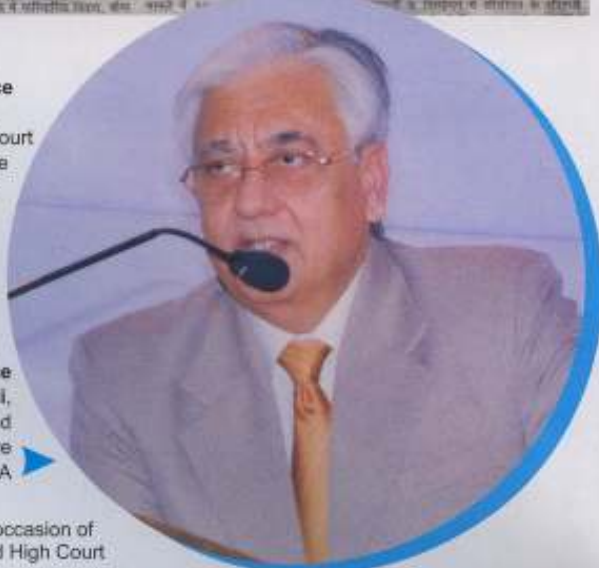
The vibrant feature of the Mega Lok Adalat was that altogether 320 F.A. cases arising out of Land Acquisition cases were listed before the different Benches of the Mega Lok Adalat and the Secretary, Water Resources Department, Government of Jharkhand through the inaugural ceremony announced that they





It, thus, appears from the above figures that the Mega Lok Adalat was a successful mission in which a large number of people were benefited and large amount was paid to the beneficiaries in the Mega Lok Adalat.

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## 320 land-losers' cases settled at mega lok adalat



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**RANCHI:** The state water resource department sanctioned ₹20 crore for payment of compensation to 320 land losers at the mega lok adalat organised here on the Jharkhand High Court premises on Saturday.

However, cheques could not be distributed because the state

motor accident claim, retirement benefit and compassionate appointment were listed in the lok adalat. Cheques over ₹1.75 crore were disbursed among the litigants at the adalat as well as 16 letters of appointment handed over to the needy on compassionate ground.

Speaking on the occasion, the Supreme Court Judge, Justice Altamas Kabir stressed on the need for sensitization and propagation of lok adalat as an effective tool for speedy deliverance of justice.

He said that in lok adalats, the acrimonious parties settle

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Ranchi, Oct. 9: A mega lok adalat held here today, the state water resource department paid ₹20 crore in compensation to as many as 300 land losers who had been denied their due after the government acquired their plots for the Keso Reservoir Project at Hazaribagh in 2004.

Organised by Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority (JHALSA) and Jharkhand High Court Legal Services Committee at the court premises, today's tribunal brought to an end a protracted legal battle for families of 300 people of Keso village where 1,000 acres was acquired by the government for building a reservoir.

Ramandan Sharma, who received ₹3.11 lakh, said the lok adalat was a blessing. "Fighting a legal battle with the government for my dues has crippled me. The matter has finally been resolved in the lok adalat which is highly appreciated," he said.

Today's programme was attended by chief justices of Gujarat High Court R.C.



Amreshwar Sahay hands over a cheque during the mega lok adalat in Ranchi on Saturday. Photo by Prakash Sharma

Mukhopadhyay and Madras High Court M.Y. Sathya — both were posted in the Jharkhand High Court as senior judges before their elevation as chief justices.

Justice Rajal said the adalat was an important tool

this area. He said since it was the 17th lok adalat organised after the high court came into existence in November 2000, the judiciary had been moving in the right direction.

"The age of 17 is when one transforms from adolescence to an adult and the concept of organising lok adalats in the state will also usher in the change for the good," he added.

As many as 504 cases involving motor accident claims, service matters, retirement benefits, compassionate appointments — apart from the land acquisition dispute — were disposed of today.

Supreme Court judge and executive chairman of National Legal Services Authority Altamas Kabir presented appointment letters to those who had got jobs on compassionate grounds in Central Coalfields Limited.

At another event, mediation centres at Chatra, Chaibasa, Palasa and Sahibganj district courts were inaugurated online from Naya Sadak here. The district mediation centres would be monitored by JHALSA through video conference.





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