

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH:: AMARAVATI

ROC.NO.590/SO/2023

Date. 30.09.2023

CIRCULAR NO. 14 /2023

Sub: High Court of Andhra Pradesh – Andhra Pradesh Advocates Welfare Fund Act, 1987 – Amendment by Act 6 of 2023 inserting Section 12B to affix stamp worth Rs.20/- superscribed as "Nyayavadula Sankshema Nidhi" – Certain instructions – Issued – Reg.

Ref: Letter dated 20.09.2023 of the In-Charge Secretary, Bar Council of Andhra Pradesh.

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The Andhra Pradesh Advocates Welfare Fund Act, 1987 has been amended by Act No. 6 of 2023 and published in Andhra Pradesh Gazette on 19.04.2023. Section 12B thereof reads as under:

"Section 12B. Printing, Custody and Distribution of Andhra Pradesh Advocates' Welfare Fund Stamp"

"(1) There shall be printed or cause to be printed by the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati, in such manner as may be prescribed, superscribed in Telugu language as "Nyayavadula Sankshema Nidhi" each of the value of twenty rupees through Government Security Printing Press, on an indent placed by the Andhra Pradesh Advocates Welfare Fund Committee in such form as may be prescribed.

(2) Every Interlocutory Application, Miscellaneous, Revenue Petitions and Criminal Miscellaneous Petitions, filed by Advocates, before any Court, Authority, Tribunal, Quasi Judicial Authorities, Forum or Commission, including the Interlocutory Applications and petitions filed by the Law Officers, appearing for the State and Central Governments and their instrumentalities, shall be affixed with the Stamp worth of rupees twenty and no such Interlocutory Application or Petition shall be valid or accepted without such Stamp.

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The subscription received on such stamp shall be credited to the Account of the "Subscription to the Andhra Pradesh Advocates' Welfare Fund" to be opened separately for the said purpose.

(3) The person or authority receiving an Interlocutory Application or Petition shall forthwith, effect cancellation of the stamp by punching out the same.

(4) The custody and distribution of Stamps shall be with the Andhra Pradesh Advocates' Welfare Fund Committee and distribution of the Stamps shall be through recognized Bar Associations."

The High Court having considered the same, hereby directs all the Unit Heads of District Judiciary in Andhra Pradesh to take necessary and effective steps for implementation of the aforesaid provision by directing all the concerned to ensure that new stamp worth Rs.20/- (Rupees twenty only) superscribed in telugu language as "Nyayavadula Sakshema Nidhi" be affixed on every Interlocutory Application and other Miscellaneous Petitions to be filed, with effect from 05.10.2023 and that no Interlocutory Application or other Miscellaneous Petition shall be accepted without such stamp.

The receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged.

Y. Lakshmana Rao
30/09/2023.
REGISTRAR GENERAL

To:

1. The Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble the Chief Justice (for information).
2. All the Registrars, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, for information and necessary action.
3. The Registrar (I.T. cum C.P.C.) with a request to direct the concerned to upload the said circular in the High Court's website.
4. All the Unit Heads in the State of Andhra Pradesh.
5. All the Secretaries of District Legal Services Authorities in the State of A.P.
6. The Secretary, Bar Council of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.
7. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh High Court Bar Association, Amaravati.
8. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh High Court Advocate Clerks Association, High Court Buildings, Amaravati.