The State Legal Services Authority, Union Territory, Chandigarh invites applications for one post of Member for the Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services), U.T Chandigarh along with latest passport size photograph, bio-data mentioning therein qualification and relevant experience. The application along with all supporting documents be sent in the office of State Legal Services Authority, Union Territory, Chandigarh, Additional Deluxe Building, Ground Floor, Sector-9, Chandigarh – 160009. The last date for receipt of applications is 30.09.2019 till 05:00 P.M.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERION FOR THE POST OF MEMBER, PERMANENT LOK ADALAT (PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES) UNDER THE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES (AMENDMENT) ACT 2002.

Section 22B (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in Section 19, the Central Authority or, as the case may be, every State Authority shall, by notification, establish Permanent Lok Adalats at such places and for exercising such jurisdiction in respect of one or more public utility services and for such areas as may be specified in the notification.

(2) Every Permanent Lok Adalat established for an area notified under Sub-Section
(i) shall consist of –

(a) a person who, is or has been, a District Judge or Additional District Judge or has held Judicial Office higher in rank than that of a District Judge, shall be the Chairman of Permanent Lok Adalat; and

(b) two other persons having adequate experience in Public Utility Services to be nominated by the Central Government or, as the case may be, the State Government on the recommendation of the Central Authority or, as the case may be, the State Authority, appointed by the Central Authority or, as the case may be, the State Authority, establishing such Permanent Lok Adalat and the other terms and conditions of the appointment of the Chairman and other persons referred to in clause (b) shall be such as may be prescribed by the Central Government.

Rule-3

(1) Sitting Fee and other allowances of Chairman and other persons of Permanent Lok Adalat- (1) When a serving judicial officer is appointed as Chairman, he shall receive the salary, allowances and other perquisites as are admissible to a serving judicial officer;

(2) When a retired Judicial Officer is appointed as Chairman, he shall be entitled to a monthly fee of last drawn salary less the amount of pension received by him.

(3) Any other person shall be entitled to a sitting fee of One thousand and Five hundred rupees per sitting.

(4) The Chairman and other person shall be entitled to such travelling and daily allowances on official tour as are admissible to Group ‘A’ officers of the Central Government.

(5) For the purpose of attending the sittings of Permanent Lok Adalat, the Chairman and other person shall be entitled to conveyance allowance of Five thousand rupees per month.

Rule-4

Terms and Conditions of Service of Chairman and other persons of Permanent Lok Adalat- (1) Before appointment, the Chairman and other person shall have to take an undertaking that he does not and will not have any such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially his functions as such Chairman or other person.

(2) The Chairman and other persons shall hold office for a term of five years or till the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub rule (2), Chairman or other persons may-

(a) by writing under his hand and addressed to the Central Authority or, as the case may be, the State Authority, resign his office at any office;

(b) be removed from his office in accordance with the provisions of Rule-5.
(4) When the Chairman is unable to discharge his functions owing to absence, illness or any other cause, the senior most (in order of appointment) person of Permanent Lok Adalat holding office for the time being shall discharge the functions of the Chairman until the day on which the Chairman resumes the charge of his functions.

(5) The Chairman or any other person ceasing to hold office as such shall not hold any appointment in, or be connected with, the management or administration of an organization which has been the subject of the proceeding under the Act during his tenure for a period of five years from the date on which he ceases to hold such office.

Rule-5

Resignation and Removal – The Central Authority or State Authority, as the case may be, may remove from office, Chairman or other person who-

(a) has been adjudged an insolvent; or
(b) has been convicted of an offence which, in the opinion of the Authority, involves moral turpitude; or
(c) has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as such Chairman or other person; or
(d) has acquired such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially his functions as Chairman or other person; or
(e) has or so abused his position as to render his continuance in office prejudicial to the public interest:

Provided that the Chairman or any other person shall not be removed from his office on the grounds specified in clauses (d) and (e), except on inquiry held in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 6.