

DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS:

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Odisha, Bhubaneswar was established in the year 1982 to improve the performance of prosecution system. It was however, found that the desired result could not be achieved with the existing system of appointment of Prosecutors under Odisha Law Officers Rules, 1971. Therefore, in the year 1997 Odisha Prosecution Service Rules was framed to introduce the system of cadre based prosecution. Subsequently, 2 post of Deputy Directors, 30 post of Public Prosecutors, 68 posts of Additional Public Prosecutors and 202 post of Assistant Public Prosecutors were created to improve the standard of prosecution. For full fledged cadre based system, Home Department have moved Odisha Public Service Commission to complete the recruitment process of vacant posts of prosecutor in all cadres. Besides, the following steps have been taken to improve the standard of prosecution.

- (i) The Odisha Prosecution Service Rules, 1997 has been suitably amended giving chance to more candidates to participate in the test
- (ii) Performance of both cadre and Non cadre prosecutors are reviewed from time to time and steps are being taken to improve the standard of prosecution so as to enhance the rate of conviction.
- (iii) The Prosecutors have been instructed through the Public Prosecutor of the concerned district to follow the guidelines in improving the standard of prosecution.
- (iv) In the 3rd National Lok Adalat held on 12.12.2015, this Directorate took initiative in withdrawal of long pending petty cases upto the year 2010 in which there was remote chance of appearance of accused persons due to want of correct address pending in different district of the State. Accordingly, total 132475 nos of cases have been withdrawn in the State.
- (v) In each and every cases where any information regarding non attendance of the official witnesses in court is received, this Directorate is making correspondence with their higher authorities and ensure their attendance in the court on the date fixed.
- (vi) All together 80 nos of proposal with the views of Director have been sent to the Advocate General, Odisha, Cuttack for filling of appeal against judgment of order of acquittal.
- (vii) In view of relaxation of experience for recruitment of Assistant Public Prosecutors, this Directorate has formulated to introduce training programme for newly recruited Assistant Public Prosecutors in the Biju Pattnaik Police Academy, Bhubaneswar for a period of two months.
- (viii) This Directorate is also taking appropriate steps on the report of the District level standing committee where lapses are found on the part of prosecuting officers as reported in the judgment of acquittal.