

Scheme for Legal Aid-cum-Literacy Clinic

In order to give effect to the policy and directions of the National legal Services Authority and to provide free legal aid to the poor, needy persons and the members of the weaker sections of the society and

to social welfare activities through awakening the people particularly illiterates and ruralities living in remote backward areas of State of U.P. About their legal rights and duties; and

to make them aware of different social welfare of different social welfare activities sponsored by the State and Central Government with ways and means to avail such facilities.

“A Legal Aid-cum-Literacy Clinic” is to be opened at district level as well as at High Court level.

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 - A. It will work for giving instant advice and information on legal aspects.
 - B. It will assist the poor litigants in drafting, typing and presentation of miscellaneous applications.
 - C. It will assist the poor litigants in making oral queries from the offices of Court, if any, with the assistance of Secretary DLSSA.
 - D. It will monitor the follow up actions in the matters in which legal assistance has been provided.
 - E. The panel of volunteer advocates shall be prepared.
 - F. The panel so prepared shall also look after the legal literacy camp services as and when required.
- 2- Depending on the requirements, at least one advocate, if possible one law student studying in final year, may be required to man the clinic. District Judge may take assistance from oath commissioner/amicus curie.
- 3- Legal Aid Clinic shall have at least a waiting lounge and cubicle for the sitting of students, advocate and the persons who need legal advice or information on legal aspect.
- 4- High Court legal Services Committee at Allahabad and Lucknow Bench as well as all District legal Services Authorities shall prepare a panel of competent lawyers in consultation with the President of concerned Bar, who voluntarily desire to provide their free services to the needy persons, in such Legal Aid Clinic on a turn basis on each working day from 11:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The lawyer so sitting in such legal Aid Clinic is to

perform like a Doctor in a hospital, catering to the legal advice required by the needy persons.

- 5- Till aforesaid accommodation is arranged Legal Aid-cum-Literacy Clinic can be started in the office of District legal Services /authority/High Court legal Services Committee. In the mean time a request will be made to the Hon'ble Chief Justice and District Judges for allotting suitable accommodation for the Clinic.
- 6- Students of Law Colleges and Law Faculty Members may also be requested to have their association with the clinic. Retired Judicial Officers may also be requested to provide their contribution to this pious cause.
- 7- The Universities and Law Colleges have already been requested to open a Legal Aid-cum-Literacy Clinic in order to fulfill the objectives of the Act and directions of the NALSA. Necessary support will be provided by the State Authority and District legal Services Authority to such institutes who decide to open the legal Aid-cum-Literacy Clinic in their campus.
- 8- A register shall be maintained in the legal Aid Clinic, Register will contain the details of counsels who have worked in the clinic, nature of advice and the details of beneficiaries. Monthly progress will be sent to the State Authority along with other figures of Lok Adalat and Literacy Camps.
- 9- DLSA will prepare and depict a Notice Board mentioning the aims and objects of the Clinic in the vicinity of the office of the District Legal Services Authority.
- 10- The State legal Services Authority or the District Legal Services Authority within whose jurisdiction Legal Aid Clinic is run shall have right to visit, verify and observe the working of Legal Aid Clinic.
- 11- All expenditure, incurred for establishing such legal Aid-cum-Literacy Clinic and for their day to day working shall be made available from such account either by State Authority or by District Authority.
- 12- Initially a sum of Rs. 2000/- per month may be sanctioned to the District Legal Services Authority for meeting, the expenses of stationary and basic courtesies. On demand raise in the aforesaid amount may be considered by the State Authority.
- 13- Hon'ble High Court Legal Services Committee and District Legal Services Authority have already a panel of competent and dedicated lawyers for providing legal services. They will be requested to sit in the clinic on the pro-bono-basis for giving legal advice and spreading legal literacy.

- 14- Hon'ble Chairman, High Court Legal Services Committee/ District Judge may regulate the number of lawyers so that clinic runs smoothly.

State of Uttaranchal is having a legal Literacy Clinic at the College/School level.

Madhya Pradesh State is having Legal Aid Clinic in the office of legal Services Authority.

Himanchal Pradesh has established Legal Aid Clinic at Shimla, Mandi and District Kangra (at Dharmshala).

If approved legal Aid-cum-Literacy Clinic may be opened at every District Head Quarter and in the office of High Court legal Services Committee/Sub-Committee.

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