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Background:

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the order Suo Motu Writ Petition (Civil) No. 7/2024 dated 22.04.2025, regarding the large amount of Undisbursed Compensation arising from Judgements/Awards passed under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923, has directed the District Legal Services Authorities and Taluka Legal Services Committees to provide assistance to the concerned Tribunals and Courts and to ensure monitoring of this work and submit a progress report to the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority within four months.

Information from all the districts regarding the unclaimed compensation amount deposited in various courts/tribunals was collected, which turned out to be approximately ₹118 crores. In compliance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order it is relevant to develop a Legal Aid Action Plan to ensure that the undisbursed amounts deposited with the Courts/Tribunals reach the entitled beneficiaries under which Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) shall work upon to trace such Claimants/beneficiaries whose compensation amount is deposited in the Courts/Tribunals.

What is Unclaimed Compensation Amount (Undisbursed Compensation):

Amount deposited in pursuance of awards/judgments passed by various courts and tribunals, which remain unclaimed by the eligible

beneficiaries. Consequently, these funds continue to remain in the bank accounts of the respective courts/tribunals. Such amounts fall under the category of unclaimed compensation amount (Unclaimed Award).

Identification of Rightful Beneficiaries:

Awards/judgements passed by various Courts/Tribunals where Compensation amount is not paid/received by the rightful beneficiaries/claimants, Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) will assist in collecting the names, addresses, and necessary documents of the rightful claimants/beneficiaries. These documents will then be verified at the competent level to establish the identity of the beneficiaries/claimants.

Continuous Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism:

The Secretary, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) shall continuously monitor the execution of the entire Action Plan at the district level. The compiled information and the details of resolved cases shall be sent to Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA) by the 1st and 15th day of every month. The Secretary, DLSA shall ensure the disposal of all such identified cases within a period of three months.

Step-wise Working Module

Step 1: Identification of Cases

At the district level, the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, and at the taluka level, the Chairman, Taluka Legal Services Committee, in coordination with the Secretary, DLSA shall collect headquarter wise data from various Courts and Tribunals regarding undisbursed compensation amount and their legal claimants within 7 days from the date of implementation of this Action Plan in the prescribed format.

Details of the Case & Claimants of unclaimed compensation

Sr. No.	Details of the Case (Case No. & Year)	Date of Award	Details of the Claimants of unclaimed compensation			Amount to be disbursed	Whether any legal embargo is there on disbursement
			Name	Age	Address		

Step 2: Identification of Beneficiaries

1. At the district and taluka level, with the help of PLVs (Para Legal Volunteers)/Adhikar Mitras beneficiaries/legal claimants of unclaimed compensation shall be identified. For this purpose, the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, on the basis of information gathered within his/her jurisdiction shall provide a list of required beneficiaries/legal claimants to the PLVs/Adhikar Mitras and issue necessary instructions to them.
2. Thereafter, the PLVs/Adhikar Mitras shall collect information about the award/judgement from the respective court / tribunal and shall take steps to ensure the identification of the concerned beneficiaries/legal claimants.
3. The PLVs/Adhikar Mitras shall with the assistance of Station House Officer (SHO) and the beat constables, identify the respective beneficiaries/legal claimants. After identification, PLVs/Adhikar Mitras shall provide information about the case to the beneficiaries/legal claimants and collect the required details in the following format, which shall be submitted to the Chairman, Taluka Legal Services Committee/ Secretary, District Legal Services Authority:-

S. No.	Case details (Case No. & Year)	Name of the concern Court/ Tribunal	Person Name whom contacted	Mobile Number	Age	Address	Relation to the Case	Other details

For the verification of the identity of beneficiaries/legal claimants, assistance may be sought from Sarpanches, Gram Sevaks, and Municipal Councillors. For this purpose, RSLSA shall issue a letter to the State Government.

Step 3: Submission of Application for Claim Amount:

The identified beneficiaries/legal claimants shall present an application as per law for the payment of the Compensation amount. The prescribed format of application is enclosed herewith. The beneficiaries/legal claimants can apply in the prescribed format and it is the discretion of the concerned Court/Tribunal to call for additional documents like affidavits, identity cards etc.

Step 4: Application Process:

The identified beneficiaries/legal claimants shall present an application to the concerned Court/Tribunal for the payment of claim amount. The beneficiaries may apply for legal aid to the concerned DLSA/TLSC and if after enquiry the beneficiary/legal claimant is found eligible he may be provided legal aid as per rules.

In the event of the death of a beneficiary/legal claimant, coordination shall be established with other surviving claimants, and the application may be filed before the Court/Tribunal by such surviving claimant/claimants.

Step 5: Monitoring and Reporting:

The activities of PLVs/Adhikar Mitras under this Action Plan shall be monitored by the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA). Regular analysis of progress shall be done and any difficulties or issues encountered shall be addressed by the Secretary, DLSA.

The Secretary, DLSA shall compile the information of the concerned district and shall submit the report to RSLSA by the 1st and 15th day of every month.

The Secretary shall ensure the timely disposal of all such identified cases within a period of three months.

Disclaimer:

The primary objective of this Action Plan is to identify the rightful beneficiaries/claimants and ensure their access to the respective Court/Tribunal. The decision regarding the disbursement of compensation claim amount shall vest with the concerned Court/Tribunal.

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Application for Unclaimed Compensation Amount Deposited under the Award Passed by Various Courts/Tribunals

Name of the Court/Tribunal: .....

Case No. and Title: .....

Date of Judgement/Award: .....

Award Amount (in Rupees): .....

Amount already received from the Awarded Compensation: .....

Name of the Applicant/Legal Claimant: .....

Father's Name: ..... Age: .....

Full Address: .....
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Mobile Number: .....

Bank Account Number: .....

Name of the Bank: ..... IFSC Code: .....

Names of Dependents:

1. .....
2. .....
3. .....

Undertaking

I, the above-mentioned applicant, do hereby solemnly affirm that all the facts stated in this application are true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge. No fact has been concealed or falsely stated. God is my witness.

Date:

Signature of the Applicant