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Special campaigns for legal awareness

1399 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

Will the Minister of **Law and Justice** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any special campaigns are being run by Government to create an awareness about the process of law and justice in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details of the said campaigns;
- (c) the number of people having availed the benefits from such campaigns so far; and
- (d) the location-wise number of such campaigns being run in the state of Gujarat, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

- (a) to (c) National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) carried out a six week Legal Awareness and Outreach campaign from 2nd October to 14th November, 2021 as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to reach each and every village/Urban areas of the country in order to maximize the outreach of Legal Services Authorities as well as to spread awareness regarding the availability of free legal services.

The major activities carried out during the above campaign included door-to-door campaigns, legal awareness programs, awareness through mobile vans, and awareness through legal aid clinics. Apart from these major activities, the Legal Services Authorities organised specific legal awareness programs for women and children, organised mega legal services camps, programs for children who lost

either or both parents due to covid, exhibitions at State and District level, moot court competitions for students of law universities, etc. During this period 1623 Legal Services Mega Camps were organised wherein more than 75.64 lakh people were benefited

In addition, Department of Justice conducted monthly webinar campaign covering broad-based social-legal issues. Since October 2021, 9 webinars have been organized virtually with support from CSC e-Gov and other Ministries/ Departments and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). Topics like Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, Child Rights, Fundamental Duties, the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 and the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, Gender Justice in India, Children in Conflict with Law and Children in Need of Care and Protection and Human Trafficking in India, have been included so far. These webinars have reached out to more than 2.2 lakh participants via various social media platforms.

- (d) Location-wise number of such campaigns being run in the state of Gujarat is not maintained by NALSA. However, 17439 villages in Gujarat were visited thrice or more during the above campaign and 44 Legal Services Mega Camps were organised wherein 73,379 people were benefited.
