

REPORT ON SESSION CONDUCTED BY WBSLSA IN THE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR SUPPORT PERSONS UNDER THE POCSO ACT, 2012

Introduction

Pursuant to a request received from the Directorate of Child Rights and Trafficking, Government of West Bengal, smt. Swati Maluik, Deputy Secretary, West Bengal State Legal Services Authority (WBSLSA), was deputed as the Resource Person to conduct a session on “Victim Compensation and the State Scheme of 2017” during the Training Programme for Support Persons under the POCSO Act, 2012 at ICMARD Building, Ultadanga, Kolkata–700067. The session was conducted on 21st May, 2026 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Details of the Session

The session was conducted by the by WBSLSA and focused on the legal framework relating to victim compensation and the benefits available under the West Bengal Victim Compensation Scheme, 2017.

The concept of victim compensation as an important rehabilitative measure for victims of crime, particularly child victims under the POCSO Act was explained. The participants were informed about the role of Legal Services Authorities in facilitating compensation and ensuring access to justice for victims.



The following topics were discussed during the session:

- Overview of victim compensation laws.
- Objectives of the West Bengal Victim Compensation Scheme, 2017.
- Eligibility criteria for compensation.
- Procedure for filing compensation claims.
- Role of District Legal Services Authorities in processing applications.
- Compensation and rehabilitation measures available to child victims under the POCSO Act.
- Role of Support Persons in assisting victims and their families in accessing compensation and legal aid services.

Interaction with Participants

The session was interactive in nature. Participants raised queries regarding the procedure for obtaining compensation, the responsibilities of Support Persons, and the role of Legal Services Institutions in supporting child victims. The queries were addressed and practical guidance regarding the implementation of victim compensation mechanisms was provided.



Outcome of the Session

The session enhanced participants' understanding of victim compensation, legal aid services, and the West Bengal Victim Compensation Scheme, 2017. It also strengthened their knowledge of the role of Support Persons and Legal Services Authorities in ensuring effective support and rehabilitation for child victims.

Conclusion

The participation of WBSLSA in the training programme successfully fulfilled the objective of disseminating information regarding victim compensation and legal aid services. The session enhanced the understanding of Support Persons regarding compensation mechanisms and reinforced the role of Legal Services Authorities in protecting the rights and welfare of child victims.

