

Legal Aid Services Authority (NSLSA)

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INTRODUCTION

In the Directive Principle of State Policy (Part IV of the constitution), principle of equal justice and free legal aid has been enumerated in Article 39A which provides that the state shall secure that operation of the legal system promotes justice, on the basis of equal opportunity, and shall provide free legal aid to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities.

Poverty, social and economical backwardness and illiteracy are some of the major factors which prevent many of the under privileged section of society from getting relief from the courts. In view of the above, the Legal Service Authority Act, 1987 was enacted making provisions for providing free legal aid and legal awareness amongst all. Provision has also been made for Lok Adalats and pre-litigation conciliation and settlement to give redressal to the people without resorting to the adversarial process.

The Legal service authorities provide legal services in different modes:

- By spreading awareness about legal rights amongst the people.
- Informing the citizens about their entitlements under various schemes floated by the government.
- Providing Para-Legal volunteers.
- Setting up legal aid clinics.
- Providing free counsel to the litigant and meeting the cost of litigation.
- Holding camps to disseminate knowledge amongst the people.
- Holding Lok Adalats etc.

Who are entitled to get free Legal Aid?

- Any member of scheduled caste or scheduled tribe community.
- A victim of trafficking in human beings or beggar.
- Any woman or child.
- A victim of Drug abuse.
- Workers in unrecognised sector.
- Any person with disability as defined in section 2(i) of the person with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities Protection of rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.
- A Victim of mass disaster, ethnic violence, caste atrocity, flood, drought, earthquake or industrial disaster.

- An industrial workman.
- A person in custody including in Protective home under the Immoral Traffic (prevention) Act, 1956 or juvenile home or in a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric nursing home.
- Any person whose annual income is less than Rs.1.0 lakh in the state Nagaland.

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Additional Information:

- Legal aid services are provided free of cost to eligible individuals.
- The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 governs the provision of legal aid.
- Legal aid centres are established across Nagaland to assist individuals in need.