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Sikkim State Legal Services Authority in observance of "National Legal Services Day" on 9th November, 2026 hereby publishes the following information on legal aid and services for general information of the public.

In order to secure equal opportunities and equal justice to all, the State Legal Services Authority, the High Court Legal Services Committee, the District Legal Services Authorities and the Taluk Legal Services Committees provide free legal aid and services in the following manner:

Persons eligible to receive free legal services under Section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987	**Modes of Legal Aid**	**Legal aid is not available for the following**
Any person who is: • A member of Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe; • A victim of trafficking in human being or beggar as referred to in Article 23 of the Constitution; • A person with mental or physical disability; • A woman or child; • A victim of natural disaster, ethnic/caste violence, industrial disaster; • Persons in custody;	• Payment of the court fees, process fees, expenses of witnesses and all other charges payable or incurred in connection with any legal proceedings; • Representation by a legal practitioner in legal proceedings; • Supply of certified copies of judgments, orders, notes of evidence and other documents in legal proceedings; • Preparation of pleadings, memo of Appeal, Paper Book, including printing and translation of documents in legal proceedings; and • Drafting of legal documents, special leave petition etc.	• Proceedings wholly or partly in respect of – (a) Defamation; or (b) Malicious prosecution • Proceedings relating to any election; • Proceedings in respect of offences punishable with fine only; • Proceedings in respect of economic offences and offences against social laws, such as the Protection of Civil Rights,1955, and the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956. • Where a person seeking legal aid: (a) is concerned with the proceeding only in a respect of official capacity; or (b) is concerned with a proceeding jointly with

• Industrial workmen; • Persons with an annual income not exceeding ₹3,00,000/- per annum.		some other person or persons whose interests are identical with his and such person or any of such persons is adequately represented in the proceedings; or (c) is a formal party to the proceedings, not materially concerned in the outcome of proceedings and his interests are not likely to be prejudiced on account of the absence of proper representation.
When can legal services provided to persons be withdrawn?		
• Where the person obtains legal services by misrepresentation or fraud. • Where the person does not cooperate with the Legal Services Authority/Committee or with the Legal Services Advocate. • Where the person engages a legal practitioner other than the one assigned by the Legal Services Authority/Committee. • In the event of death of an aided person except in the case of civil proceedings where the right of liability survives. • Where the application for the legal services of the matter in question is found to be an abuse of the process of law or of legal service.		

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