

# LEGAL AID CLINIC

## WHAT IS LEGAL AID CLINIC ?

Legal Aid Clinic is a clinic intended to provide easy and accessible legal relief to the indigent and backward sections of our society. They are almost on the lines of Primary Health Centres where basic health care are provided to the people situated in village areas affected with poverty and social injustice. Like the doctors rendering health services to the people of the locality in the Primary Health Centre, Lawyers & Para Legal Volunteers manning the Legal Aid Clinic provide legal services to the people.

The aim of Legal Aid Clinic is to provide speedy access to justice.

Legal Aid Clinics have successfully helped thousands of people in other parts of the country and now they have been introduced in Arunachal Pradesh.

Importantly, Legal Aid Clinics offer free legal assistance.

## OBJECTIVE OF LEGAL AID CLINIC SCHEMES:

The objective of the Scheme is to provide free legal services to the poor, marginalized and weaker sections of the society as categorized under section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, especially to the people living in distant places or places with geographical barriers, away from the seats of justice and the Offices of the legal services.

The aim of the Scheme is to provide inexpensive local machinery for rendering legal services of basic nature like legal advice, drafting of petitions, notices, replies, applications and other documents of legal importance and also for resolving the disputes of the local people by making the parties see reason and thereby preventing

the disputes from reaching courts.

In cases where legal services of a higher level are required the matter can be referred to the legal services institutions established under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

## WHO MANS THE LEGAL AID CLINICS ?

Legal Aid Clinics are manned by Para-legal volunteers selected by the Legal Services Authorities and Lawyers with a sense of commitment, sensibility and sensitiveness to the problems of common people.

Qualified Lawyers and Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) on the panel of the APSLSA/DLSA/HCLSA are available for giving immediate and free legal aid and advice. Therefore, when you visit a Legal Aid Clinic, you are in the safe hands of competent and professional persons.

APSLSA carefully selects educated persons after ensuring their commitment to serve the society on volunteer basis. They are then given training on some legal matters so that they can render basic advice on simple legal issues. These persons are called **Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs)**.

## LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LEGAL AID CLINIC:

- I. If you have a health problem, you will first visit a Primary Health Centre. Likewise, if you have a legal problem, you can visit the nearest Legal Aid Clinic for immediate legal assistance. The objective of a Legal Aid Clinic is to provide you with free and immediate legal assistance;
- II. Drafting of affidavits, simple petitions, notices, replies, filling up of forms, applications and other documents of legal importance are freely undertaken

in Legal Aid Clinics;

III. Legal Services rendered at the Legal Aid Clinic shall be of wide range in nature. Besides legal advice, other services like preparing applications for job card under the MGNREGA scheme, Adhaar Card, Ration Card, filling up of forms for the various benefits available under different government schemes, public distribution system and other social security schemes etc. as well as liaison with the Government offices and public authorities, helping the common people who come to the clinic for solving their problems with the officials, authorities and other institutions shall also form part of the legal services in Legal Aid Clinics;

IV. If the legal issue raised by you is complex, then the PLV will take the assistance of a qualified lawyer on the panel of DLSAs/APSLSA, so that your problem is professionally and appropriately resolved.

*The list given is only indicative, not exhaustive. Legal aid clinic shall work like a single-window facility for helping disadvantaged people to solve their problems where the operation of law comes into picture.*

## WHO ARE ENTITLED TO FREE LEGAL AID ?

- ❖ According to the provisions of the Legal Services Authorities Act, the following categories of persons are entitled to free legal aid and advice:
- ❖ a member of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe community;
- ❖ a victim of human trafficking in human or Begar as referred to in Article-23 of the Constitution;
- ❖ Women & children;

- ❖ a person with disability as defined in clause (i) of sec. 2 of the Person with Disabilities
- ❖ Persons under circumstance of undeserved want such as victim of mass disaster, caste atrocity, ethnic violence, flood, drought, earth quake or industrial disaster;
- ❖ Industrial workman;
- ❖ Person in custody, including custody in a Protective Home within the meaning of clause (g) of section 2 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (104 of 1956) or in a juvenile home within the meaning of clause (j) of section 2 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986 (53 of 1986) or in a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric nursing home within the meaning of clause (g) of section 2 of the Mental Health Act, 1987.
- ❖ Person with annual income of less than one lakh

*If you are within any of the above categories, you are entitled to free legal aid and advice as a matter of right.*

## WHERE CAN I FIND A LEGAL AID CLINIC?

A Legal Aid Clinic is there in all the District Courts, which means they are functioning in all District Headquarters. In due course of time, APSLSA expects to open several such clinics in all towns and even in the sub-divisional level.

## HOW DO I APPROACH A LEGAL AID CLINIC?

- ❖ There is no formality in approaching for assistance from the Legal Aid Clinic;
- ❖ You are only required to fill up a form for ascertaining your entitlement. Thereafter, the panel lawyers,

PLVS and Staff of APSLSA/DLSAS, will be available to assist you in every possible way;

\* The most important thing to remember is that the assistance given to you in a Legal Aid Clinic is free of any charge. You do not have to pay anything to anybody;

❖ It is also important to remember that all reasonable expenses in dealing with your problem will be borne by Legal Services Authorities, which is committed to provide free legal aid and advice as a Constitutional obligation;

**IS THERE ANY GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM?**

Yes. If you have any complaint about the functioning of the Legal Aid Clinic, you can file a complaint to the Chairperson/Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) or to the Member Secretary of APSLSA. Your complaint will be promptly attended to.



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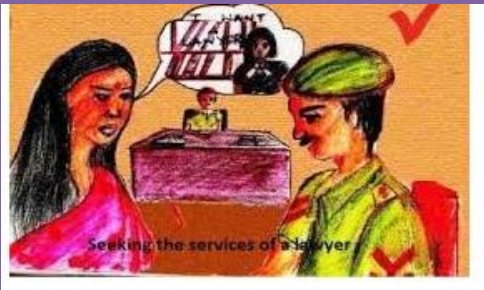
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SL	District	Location	Contact No.
1.	TAWANG	Court Complex Of Judicial Magistrate First Class, Tawang	9774182253
2	WEST KAMENG	District & Session Court Complex, Bomdila	0368-2223933
3	EAST KAMENG	Chief Judicial Magistrate Court Complex, Seppa	8731927859
1.	PAPUM PARE	District & Session Court Complex, Yupia	7629933689
		District Jail, Jully Itanagar	9436091161
		Oju Mission Complex, Naharlagun, Papum Pare	9402875244
		Arunachal Law Academy, (ALA)	9362991460
		Jarboom Gamlin Govt Law College, Jote,	9436690280
5	LOWER SUBANSIRI	Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society (APWWS), Naharlagun	8837361926
		Chief Judicial Magistrate Court Complex, Ziro	8257023324
		District & Session Court Complex, Ziro	9774669301
6	KURUNG KUMEY	Judicial Magistrate First Class Court Complex, Koloriang	6909899893
7	KRA DAADI	Judicial Magistrate First Class Court Complex, Camp- Ziro	8119082718
8	UPPER SUBANSIRI	Judicial Magistrate First Class Court Complex, Daporijo	9362103383/ 9612406187
9	LEPA RADA	Addl. District & Session Court Complex Basar	8131085901
10	WEST SIANG	Chief Judicial Magistrate Court Complex, NEFTU, Aalo	9402041549/ 8119877873
		Judicial Lockup, Aalo	8414803365
11	SIANG	Judicial Magistrate First Class Court Complex, Pangin	8132814114/ 9402298972
12	UPPER SIANG	Judicial Magistrate First Class Court Complex, Yingkiong	9436085561
		Sub Jal, Yingkiong	8119961295
13	EAST SIANG	Dist. & Sessions Court Complex, Pasighat	9366269571/ 9366273341
		Juvenile Home, Pasighat, East Siang	8731991784
14	LOWER DIBANG VALLEY	Judicial Magistrate First Class Court Complex, Roing	7005782703
15	DIBANG VALLEY	Chief Judicial Magistrate Court Complex, Anini	9774758549
16	LOHIT	Judicial Magistrate First Class Court Complex, Tezu	9108364242/ 9366789864
		District Jail, Tezu	9009681144/ 8787841480
17	NAMSAI	Judicial Magistrate First Class Court Complex, Namsai	9366789864/ 8787786639
18	TIRAP	Judicial Magistrate First Class Court Complex, Khonsa	8131845632/ 8731983220
		Sub Jail, Khonsa	9612523231

19	CHANGLANG	CJM Court Complex Changlang	
20	LONGDING	Judicial Magistrate First Class Court Complex, Longding	8798026251
21	ANJAW	Judicial Magistrate First Class Court Complex, Hawaii	9383385059 8794755198
22	PAPUM PARE	Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority	8414818735/ 9378057162/ 6009632923/ 9366618883
23	-do-	Registrar-cum-Secretary, High Court Legal Services Authority	8794616502
24	-do-	Police Station, Nirjuli	9362734525
25	-do-	Police Station, Doimukh	94366492474
26	-do-	Police Station, C-Sector, Itanagar	8258955052
27	-do-	Women Police Station, C-Sector, Itanagar	7629929992
28	-do-	Police Station, Naharlagun	8837361926
29	-do-	Police Station, Kimin	9366618883
30	-do-	Police Station, Balijan	8256990039
31	EAST SIANG	Women Police Station, Pasighat	8131911977
32	-DO-	Police Station, Mebo	8794468554
33	-DO-	Police Station, Ruksin	7641018866
34	LOWER SIANG	Police Station, Likabali	8787345837
35	NAMSAI	Police Station, Namsai	9402667621
36	CHANGLANG	Police Station, Changlang	9862537727
37	WEST SIANG	Women Police Station, Aalo	6909725988
38	KURUNG KUMEY	Police Station, Koloriang	9774642894
39	LOWER SUBANSIRI	Women Police Station, Ziro	8131870822
40	LOHIT	Women Police Station, Tezu	8413815760
41	SIANG	Police Station, Pangin	9366945709
42	WEST KAMENG	Police Station, Bomdila	8974609707
43	UPPER SIANG	Police Station, Yingkiong	9612493400



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