a working knowledge of various procedural laws and practices;

❖ Further, by working in Legal Aid Clinics managed by DLSA/APSLSA as a PLV, one may receive some token honorarium in return for services rendered.

❖ Becoming a PLV and making justice accessible is a very satisfying way of serving the society.

ARE THERE ANY PLVS IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH?

❖ Yes, there are large numbers of PLVs in Arunachal Pradesh. Many of them are doing excellent social service by providing free legal assistance to disadvantaged persons.

WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT TO BECOME A PLV?

❖ You may contact the Chairman or Secretary of your District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) or the Member Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APSLSA) to become a PLV.

❖ The training programme is rendered free of cost to all the participants.

"The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated in to our common life."

- Jane Addams

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WHAT IS THE PARALEGAL VOLUNTEERS SCHEME?

❖ The National Legal Services Authority has started a Para Legal Volunteers Scheme (PLV Scheme).The PLV Scheme is a major step towards providing access to justice for all in Arunachal Pradesh. It is managed by the Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APSLSA);

❖ Under the PLV Scheme, a group of educated people/individuals are selected from all section of society and are trained on basic legal knowledge;

❖ For effective implementation of the PLV Scheme, the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) has formulated some modalities to impart legal training to the Volunteers;

❖ The Volunteers are trained to provide free legal services to the disadvantaged and marginalized sections of the society. They function in a Legal Services Institutions or a Legal Aid Clinics;

❖ These Volunteers bridge the gap between those providing legal services and those seeking legal aid or assistance.

WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PLV SCHEME?

❖ The PLV Scheme has the principal objective of imparting legal awareness to its Volunteers who, in turn, bring legal awareness to all sections of society.

❖ PLVs provide legal awareness and assistance to common people about their rights conferred by law and provide encouragement as well as assistance to them to take recourse to the justice delivery system for the effective enforcement of their rights.

WHO CAN BECOME A PLV?

❖ Any educated person can become a PLV. However, he or she must have a commitment to serve the best interests of society, particularly the disadvantaged and the marginalized sections.

❖ APSLSA has taken a bold step by encouraging youths, especially students of various colleges and law colleges, to become PLVs. Many youths have already received training under the scheme and these Volunteers are rendering legal assistance to the poor and needy.

WHAT IS THE TRAINING GIVEN TO A PLV?

❖ PLVs are given general training for up to six days in respect of:

- Constitutional & Statutory rights and duties;

- Substantive and procedural civil laws;

- Substantive and procedural criminal laws;

- Problems and issues of law and society;

- Special issues relating to women, children, senior citizens, farmers, industrial and agricultural labourers etc.

❖ After completion of training, a PLV is issued an identity card, in order to enhance his or her prestige in society and as a token of recognition for services rendered.

❖ The training programme is of a general nature dealing with day to day issues. Therefore, even though a PLV may have a working knowledge of law and practice, it does not entitle him/her to represent a litigant in a Court of law.

WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE OF BECOMING A PLV?

❖ The primary benefit of becoming a PLV is that one can serve the disadvantaged sections of society. While doing so, one can acquire