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## ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF HARYANA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (HALSA) DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2013 2014

Constituted in 1995 under The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, Haryana State Legal Services Authority (HALSA), is engaged in multifarious tasks. These include providing free and competent legal aid & other legal services to the needy; spreading legal literacy under various schemes thus enhancing the legal awareness level of the citizens; and providing them with an opportunity to resolve their differences amicably through various alternative modes of dispute redressal without having to knock at the doors of the courts.

The countless number of HALSA initiatives flow from the need to realize the mandate given by Article 39-A of the Constitution of India to ensure access to justice and meaningfully effectuate the constitutional goals of equality, liberty and fraternity; and the cherished Right to Life guaranteed under Article 21.

Quintessentially, HALSA seeks to reach out to the people, especially the needy, with the hand of legal help, and offers them a range of options of legal recourse, to make a choice. This works as a balm on the feelings hurt by the lack of legal awareness, and serves as a beacon for those groping in the darkness of ignorance. The need for HALSA arises from the ground level reality that most people in the country are ignorant about the laws enacted by their elected representatives. This ignorance deprives them of the benefits, which would have accrued to them from different laws, and leads to their exploitation and unwanted and avoidable suffering.

'ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL' is the motto of Legal services Authorities. In order to achieve this aim, HALSA is performing the following activities:

- Providing free and competent legal aid & other legal services to the entitled persons.
- Arranging alternative modes of disputes redressal like Lok Adalat, Mediation and pre-litigation Conciliation
- Creating Legal awareness amongst the masses under various schemes.
- Other Steps to help people to have 'Access to Justice'

Model Scheme for Legal Aid Prosecution Counsel

Front Office in every Legal Service Institution

Para-Legal Volunteers

Setting up of Legal Aid Clinics

Setting up of District ADR Centers

Publicity by various modes

Toll Free Helpline

Victim Compensation Scheme

## FREE LEGAL AID & OTHER SERVICES

One of the main activities of HALSA is to provide court based free and competent legal aid & other services to the specified categories of persons, which amongst others include:

- Any citizen, whose annual income from all sources does not exceed Rs.1,50,000/-;
- Members of Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or Backward Classes;
- Victims of trafficking in human beings or beggar;
- women;
- children;
- persons with disability;
- industrial workmen;
- Ex-serviceman; Freedom fighters,
- persons in custody, including custody in a protective home, "children home, observation home, shelter home or special home;
- Transgenders;
- Senior Citizens.

Free Legal Services include not only the payment of fee to the advocate, but also charges relating to court fee, drafting, typing, summoning of opposite party/witnesses etc. These services are available for filing or defending any case before any court, tribunal or administrative authority.

Haryana State Legal Services Authority has provided free legal aid to 7604 persons during 2013-2014.

**Number of persons given Legal Aid through Haryana State Legal Services Authority/District Legal Services Authorities and Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committees from 1.4.2013 to 31.3.2014 in the State of Haryana**

Name of District/ Sub-Divisions	Applica- tions Received	Applica- tions dispose d off	Number of persons(category wise) benefitted							Total
			SC	ST	BC	Women	Child	In Custody	General	
Ambala	710	708	9	0	2	177	2	447	71	708
N.garh	5	5	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	5
Bhiwani	226	226	3	0	1	74	0	125	23	226
Loharu	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Ch. Dadri	30	30	0	0	0	17	0	6	7	30
Faridabad	908	908	6	0	1	340	0	468	93	908
Fatehabad	69	69	2	0	3	34	0	20	10	69
Tohana	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Ratia	11	11	0	0	3	5	0	3	0	11
Gurgaon	519	519	13	0	1	70	0	409	26	519
Hissar	355	347	8	0	9	102	2	200	26	347
Hansi	45	45	1	0	0	10	0	23	11	45
Jind	87	79	1	0	0	30	4	28	16	79
Safidon	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Narwana	21	21	0	0	0	3	0	18	0	21
Jhajjar	124	124	0	0	0	21	0	83	20	124
B.garh	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	-	5
KKR	295	219	5	0	22	46	0	102	44	219
Pehowa	30	30	0	0	0	4	0	18	8	30
Karnal	487	489	2	0	2	165	17	227	76	489
Assandh	41	41	0	0	0	10	0	31	0	41
Kaithal	303	303	3	0	5	169	1	81	44	303
Guhla	12	12	0	0	0	7	0	5	0	12
Narnaul	190	188	0	0	0	70	0	99	19	188
M.garh	26	26	0	0	0	13	0	11	2	26
Nuh	109	109	1	0	3	34	0	1	70	109
Panipat	535	535	2	0	0	126	1	329	77	535
Palwal	135	135	4	0	0	28	0	86	17	135
Hathin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hodal	17	17	0	0	0	5	0	11	1	17
Panchkula	392	392	0	0	0	139	0	221	32	392
Rohtak	453	437	5	0	1	57	0	338	36	437
Meham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rewari	184	164	7	0	0	28	0	108	21	164
Kosli	27	25	0	0	3	10	0	11	1	25
Sirsa	253	218	5	0	9	76	3	116	9	218
Dabwali	17	17	3	0	0	8	0	5	1	17
Sonipat	388	363	11	6	9	113	1	200	23	363
Gohana	19	17	0	0	1	3	0	12	1	17
Ganaur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Y.Nagar	200	200	1	0	12	76	0	99	12	200
Bilaspur	31	24	0	0	0	3	0	15	6	24
Head office	385	45	1	1	0	10	0	2	31	45
High Court	591	495	7	0	3	40	1	359	85	495
<b>Total</b>	<b>8242</b>	<b>7604</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2126</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4329</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>7604</b>

- Selection of Panel Advocates

1242 Advocates are on the panel of the Legal Services Authorities in 21 Districts of Haryana, selected by Committees headed by District & Sessions Judges, who are also the Chairpersons of District Legal Services Authorities

- Scrutinizing Committee: Scrutinizing Committees have been constituted in each District and Sub-Division of Haryana to scrutinize and evaluate the applications for providing free Legal Services.
  - Monitoring Committee: Monitoring Committees have been constituted in each District and Sub-Division of Haryana for close monitoring of the court based legal services rendered; and the progress of the cases in legal aid matters.
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## ALTERNATIVE MODES OF DISPUTES REDRESSAL

### (A) LOK ADALATS

Haryana State Legal Services Authority has leveraged the important mechanism of 'Lok Adalat' as an effective alternative dispute resolution method for ensuring quick and final consensual disposal of cases binding on the parties, without incurring any extra cost or fees. Following kinds of Lok Adalats are being organized.

- (a) Scheduled Lok Adalats
- (b) Daily Lok Adalats
- (c) Mobile/ Rural Lok Adalats
- (d) Special Lok Adalats
- (e) Jail Lok Adalats and
- (f) Permanent Lok Adalats for Public Utility Services

#### (a) Scheduled Lok Adalats

HALSA is organizing scheduled Lok Adalats in all the districts courts and sub divisional courts of Haryana from time to time as per the schedule prepared by DLSAs. In these Lok Adalats, pending cases of all nature are taken up by different Lok Adalat benches presided over by judicial officers and members. These Lok Adalats have proved to be very successful, particularly with regard to MACT Cases.

These Lok Adalats have settled 1,71,336 cases during 2013-2014.

#### **STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF CASES SETTLED IN THE SCHEDULED LOK ADALATS FROM 1.4.2013 to 31.3.2014 IN THE STATE OF HARYANA**

Number of Lok Adalats organized	369
Cases taken up	273811
Cases settled	171336
MACT cases settled	1166
HMA cases settled	1038
Civil Cases settled	11552
Petty criminal cases	13041
Bank loan cases settled	5932
Summary cases settled	53082
Cases of 125 Cr.P.C. Settled	582
Mutation	44002

Revenue	3689
Pre-litigative cases	12538
138 NI Act	4329
Others	20385
Compensation paid in MACT cases	254090910
Decreed Amount	49140063
Fine	33528254

(b) Daily Lok Adalats.

Daily Lok Adalats were first started in one of the districts on experimental basis. After encouraging results, these daily Lok Adalats were started in the remaining districts. At present, daily Lok Adalats are being held in all the 21 districts.

Every court of the sessions division, after court hours, gets converted into Daily Lok Adalat and judicial officers hold sittings for this, depending upon the workload of cases coming for settlement every day in each court. This way, there are as many Daily Lok Adalats as the number of courts in that sessions division. A daily Lok Adalat is assisted by one lawyer or social worker on the panel.

These Lok Adalats have settled more than 1,19,535 cases during 2013-2014.

**MONTH-WISE STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF CASES SETTLED IN THE DAILY LOK ADALATS FROM 1.4.2013 to 31.3.2014 IN THE STATE OF HARYANA**

Month	No. of DLAs held	Cases Taken Up	Cases Settled
April	2782	10524	6761
May	3226	10481	6371
June	1134	4877	3333
July	4439	12839	9018
Aug	3753	11953	7917
Sep	3530	10876	7127
Oct	3244	15278	10765
Nov	2552	28817	19895
Dec	3965	13153	8404
Jan	5714	19982	14404
Feb	4707	18980	13285
March	5270	18343	12255
<b>Total</b>	<b>44316</b>	<b>176103</b>	<b>119535</b>

## (c) Mobile/Rural Lok Adalats



HALSA is organizing Mobile/Rural Lok Adalats in the villages to make speedy and inexpensive justice available to the people at their door step by amicable resolution of their disputes through the respectables of the village and Village Gram Panchayats. In these Mobile/Rural Lok Adalats, all the pending cases in the courts as well as cases at pre-litigative stage of such village and adjoining villages are taken up for settlement.

Earlier these rural Lok Adalats were presided over by judicial officers by rotation. However, since October, 2011, these Adalats are being attended by Panel Advocates and Para Legal Volunteers, who make efforts to bring parties together in all pending matters of that area, where rural Lok Adalat takes place, to arrive at an amicable settlement. Similar efforts are made in pre-litigation matters of that area. The cases, in which parties agree for settlement, are then taken up in the forthcoming Lok Adalat.

These Lok Adalats have settled more than 7076 cases during 2013-2014.

**STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF CASES SETTLED IN THE RURAL LOK ADALATS FROM 1.4.2013 to 31.3.2014 IN THE STATE OF HARYANA**

Number of Lok Adalats organized	376
Cases taken up	11751
Cases settled	7076
HMA cases settled	3
Civil Cases settled	50
Petty criminal cases	8
Mutation	7005
Others	10

## (d) Special Lok Adalats

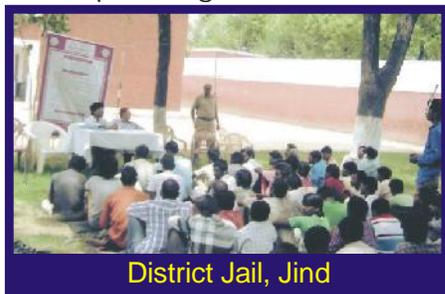
Special Lok Adalats are organized from time to time for disposing of specific kind of cases e.g. Cases for compensation under Motor Vehicles Act, Negotiable Instruments Act etc.

## (e) Jail Lok Adalats:



Special Lok Adalat

Jail Lok Adalats are organized for the accused in custody. Every month, Secretary, DLSA visits the jail and identifies the petty compoundable cases, in which accused want to confess their guilt on the basis of Plea Bargaining. Those cases pending before different Magistrates are then taken up by the Chief Judicial Magistrate in the forthcoming Jail Lok Adalat and are disposed of.



District Jail, Jind

Vide letter No.16727-16768 dated 8.12.2012, this Authority had sent the following schedule to all the Districts for holding of Special Lok Adalats for dealing with compoundable criminal cases of under-trial prisoners.

Sr. No.	Name of Jails	1 <sup>st</sup> Phase	2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	4 <sup>th</sup> Phase
1.	Central Jail, Ambala (Ambala & Panchkula)	6.4.2013	13.7.2013	05.10.2013	04.1.2014
2.	Central Jail, Hissar (Hissar & Fatehabad)	6.4.2013	13.7.2013	05.10.2013	04.1.2014
3.	Borstal Jail, Hissar (Hissar & Fatehabad)	6.4.2013	13.7.2013	05.10.2013	04.1.2014
4.	District Jail, Bhiwani	6.4.2013	13.7.2013	05.10.2013	04.1.2014
5.	District Jail, Faridabad	6.4.2013	13.7.2013	05.10.2013	04.1.2014
6.	District Jail, Gurgaon (Gurgaon & Nuh)	6.4.2013	13.7.2013	05.10.2013	04.1.2014
7.	District Jail, Jind	4.5.2013	03.8.2013	02.11.2013	01.2.2014
8.	District Jail, Jhajjar	4.5.2013	03.8.2013	02.11.2013	01.2.2014
9.	District Jail, Karnal	4.5.2013	03.8.2013	02.11.2013	01.2.2014
10.	District Jail, Kurukshetra	4.5.2013	03.8.2013	02.11.2013	01.2.2014
11.	District Jail, Kaithal	4.5.2013	03.8.2013	02.11.2013	01.2.2014
12.	District Jail, Narnaul	4.5.2013	03.8.2013	02.11.2013	01.2.2014
13.	District Jail, Palwal	1.6.2013	07.9.2013	07.12.2013	01.3.2014
14.	District Jail, Panipat	1.6.2013	07.9.2013	07.12.2013	01.3.2014
15.	District Jail, Rohtak	1.6.2013	07.9.2013	07.12.2013	01.3.2014
16.	District Jail, Rewari	1.6.2013	07.9.2013	07.12.2013	01.3.2014
17.	District Jail, Sirsa	1.6.2013	07.9.2013	07.12.2013	01.3.2014
18.	District Jail, Sonapat	1.6.2013	07.9.2013	07.12.2013	01.3.2014
19.	District Jail Jagadari	1.6.2013	07.9.2013	07.12.2013	01.3.2014

(f) Permanent Lok Adalats (Public Utility Services)

On the initiative of HALSA, the Haryana Government sanctioned 11 Permanent Lok Adalats (PLAs) pertaining to public utility services having jurisdiction for all the 21 districts of Haryana.

In these Lok Adalats, cases relating to Public utility services: namely (i) transport service for the carriage of passengers or goods by air, road or water; or (ii) postal, telegraph or telephone service; or (iii) supply of power, light or water to the public by any establishment; or (iv) system of public conservancy or

sanitation; or (v) service in hospital or dispensary; or (vi) insurance service (vii) housing and estates (viii) banking and finance, in which dispute is up to the value of Rs. 25 lakh are taken up at the Pre-litigative stage and settled without any expenditure at the earliest, on the basis of conciliation. In case, conciliation fails, the PLA has the power to decide special category of cases on merits on the basis of equity, justice and good conscience, without going into legal technicalities

These Lok Adalats have settled 23,875 cases during 2013-2014.

**STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF CASES SETTLED BY THE PERMANENT LOK ADALATS FOR PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES FROM 1.4.2013 TO 31.3.2014 IN THE STATE OF HARYANA**

Distt/	Cases instt.	Cases settled	Trans	Postal/ telephone	Supply of power	Public cons	Hospital	Insurance	Banking and finance	Housing and estate
Ambala	2045	1051	0	324	8	8	0	5	706	0
Bhiwani	2512	990	7	692	71	40	10	50	118	2
Faridabad	1117	1070	6	207	474	14	7	92	219	51
Fatehabad	1074	806	3	416	102	6	4	17	254	4
Gurgaon	991	982	10	22	139	4	5	429	237	136
Hissar	562	386	205	28	29	4	2	53	59	6
Jind	691	262	1	13	14	31	1	78	122	2
Jhajjar	439	378	1	5	92	2		4	274	
Karnal	2723	1156	2	812	27	9	3	40	253	10
Kaithal	1166	995	1	914	31	4	0	20	23	2
KKR	2879	1024		680	11	2	1	37	285	8
Nuh	242	305	2	1	88	12	6	177	19	
Narnaul	752	474		379	9	2	1	32	50	1
Palwal	321	183	1	64	8	21	8	17	61	3
PKL	9545	8328	82	7848	4	1		5	383	5
Panipat	1460	901		195	28	12		28	634	4
Rohtak	1808	1364	5	63	33	9	1	23	1221	9
Rewari	1339	832	1	502	43	30	9	19	209	19
Sirsa	2047	1609	1	974	133	14	4	58	375	50
Sonipat	698	403		203	40	20		18	120	2
Y.Nagar	1006	376		329	14	2		1	30	
	<b>35417</b>	<b>23875</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>14671</b>	<b>1398</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1203</b>	<b>5652</b>	<b>314</b>

Overall, all kinds of Lok Adalats mentioned above have settled 3,21,822 cases during 2013-2014 and compensation of more than Rs. 33 crores has been awarded in 2652 Motor Accident Claims cases.

**(B) MEDIATION AND PRE-LITIGATION CONCILIATION**

Mediation is yet another mode of alternative dispute resolution mechanism provided to the people to settle their pending disputes. Courts refer suitable cases to the Mediation Centre for settlement by mediation, where a mediator trained by Mediation & Conciliation Project Committee conducts the mediation, in an environment conducive for the purpose.

Such Mediation Centers have been opened in all the districts of Haryana. Steps are being taken to take the mediation at Sub-Division level also.

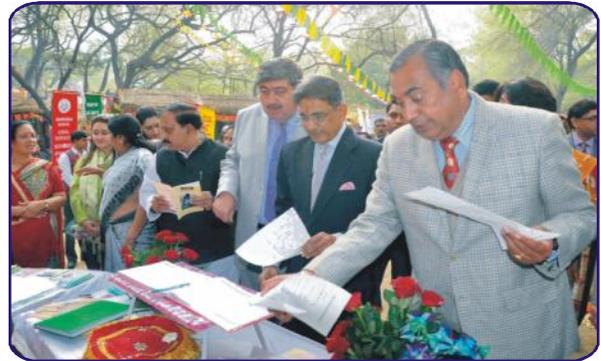
Recently, on the orders of Apex Court, Pre-litigation Mediation desks have also been put up in all the Mediation Centers to deal with matrimonial disputes, before they reach the court.

In Haryana, we have 433 trained mediators, who include Judges, retired judicial Officers and advocates. To spare the time of judges, most of the cases are referred for mediation through advocate mediators.

2303 cases have been settled through mediation during 2013-2014.

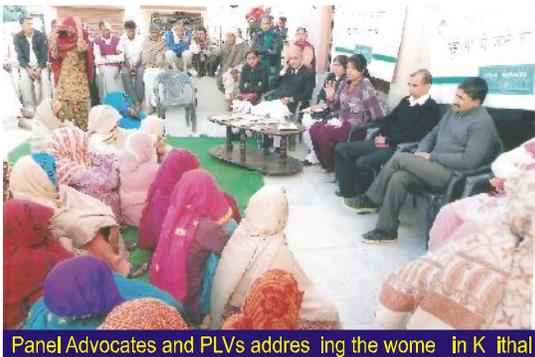
## LEGAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

About sixty five per cent of the people in Haryana live in rural areas and many of them are illiterate. Most of the people are legally illiterate, as they are not aware of their rights conferred upon them by law. Even substantial number of literate people living in the cities and villages do not know what are their rights and entitlements under various laws. It is this absence of legal awareness which is responsible for the deception and exploitation of people at the hands of unscrupulous elements.



With a view to raising the legal awareness quotient of the people so that their sufferings are mitigated, HALSA has embarked on a mission to spread legal awareness in every nook and corner of the state under various programmes. Legal awareness camps aim at creating awareness among people about their rights under various laws and welfare Schemes pertaining to women, children, Scheduled Castes, underprivileged, poor and the needy people to help achieve development goals.

Following steps have been taken by Haryana State Legal Services Authority for Legal Awareness Campaign in the State of Haryana: -



Panel Advocates and PLVs addressing the women in Kithal

- (a) Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminars
- (b) Sensitization workshops
- (c) Implementation of Legal Literacy Missions
- (d) Publicity through print and electronic Media

(e) Publication by Haryana State Legal Services Authority

(a) Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminars



On the direction of this Authority, all the District Legal Services Authorities are organizing Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps in the remote rural areas in the State of Haryana at least once a week i.e. on Sunday/ holidays, on the topics concerning SC/ST, Women and children and general public, so that the common man may be made aware about his legal rights.

3127 Legal Literacy Camps have been organized during 2013-2014 in which 10,89,363 persons have been benefitted.

**TOTAL NO. OF CAMPS OF LEGAL LITERACY HELD BY DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES/SUB DIVISIONAL LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEES IN THE STATE OF HARYANA FROM 1.4.2013 to 31.3.2014**

Sr. No	Distt/Sub Committee	Number of Camps 2013-14	Sr.No.	Distt/Sub Committee	Number of Camps 2013-14
1.	Ambala	106	10.	Karnal	102
	(a) Naraingarh	43		(a) Asandh	51
2.	Bhiwani	104	11.	Kaithal	117
	(a) Loharu	32		(a) Guhla	17
	(b) Siwani	31	12.	Mewat at Nuh	41
	(c) Dadri	53	13.	Narnaul	218
3.	Faridabad	141		(a) M.Garh	62
4.	Fatehabad	68	14.	Palwal	56
				(a) Hodal	47
				(b) Hathin	2
	(a) Tohana	56	15.	Panipat	159
	(b) Ratia	13	16.	Panchkula	177
5.	Gurgaon	98	17.	Rohtak	94
				(a) Meham	15
6.	Hissar	143	18.	Rewari	107
	(a) Hansi	64		(a) Kosli	76
7.	Jind	126	19.	Sirsa	90
	(a) Safidon	40		(a) Dabwali	40

				(b) Ellanabad	1
	(b) Narwana	57	20.	Sonipat	121
8.	Jhajjar	54		(a) Gohana	18
	(a) Bahadurgarh	5		(b) Ganour	29
9.	Kurukshetra	75	21.	Yamuna Nagar	84
				(a) Bilaspur	44
	(a) Pehowa	50		<b>Total</b>	<b>3127</b>

(b) Sensitization workshops

Workshops for grass-root level officials such as Anganwari workers, officials of the Health, Revenue, Education and Police Departments, who exercise considerable influence in rural parts of the state, are of immense value in sensitizing them about the needs of the people.



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**TOTAL NO. OF LEGAL LITERACY CAMPS FOR OFFICIALS AT GRASS-ROOT LEVELS HELD BY DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES IN THE STATE OF HARYANA FROM 1.4.2013 to 31.3.2014**

Sr. No	Distt/Sub Committee	Number of Camp	Schedule of Camp	Sr. No	Distt/Sub Committee	Number of Camp	Schedule of Camp
1.	Ambala	1	07.12.2013	12.	Narnaul	1	13.07.2013
2.	Bhiwani	1	25.01.2014	13.	Nuh	1	21.12.2013
3.	Faridabad	1	22.02.2014	14.	Palwal	1	13.07.2013
4.	Fatehabad	1	15.02.2014	15.	Panipat	1	24.08.2013
5.	Gurgaon	1	01.03.2014	16.	Panchkula	1	10.08.2013

6.	Hissar	1	15.03.2014	17.	Rohtak	1	21.09.2013
7.	Jind	1	20.04.2013	18.	Rewari	1	14.09.2013
8.	Jhajjar	1	06.04.2013	19.	Sirsa	1	05.10.2013
9.	Kurukshetra	1	18.05.2013	20.	Sonipat	1	12.10.2013
10.	Karnal	1	08.06.2013	21.	Y. Nagar	1	16.11.2013
11.	Kaithal	1	11.05.2013		<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>

**NUMBER OF LEGAL LITERACY CLASSES ORGANISED FOR WOMEN UNDER NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION BY THE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES IN STATE OF HARYANA FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 2013 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2014**

Sr. No.	Name of the District	No. of Classes
1.	Ambala	20
2.	Bhiwani	28
3.	Faridabad	15
4.	Fatehabad	25
5.	Gurgaon	12
6.	Hissar	45
7.	Jind	23
8.	Jhajjar	17
9.	Kurukshetra	12
10.	Karnal	30
11.	Kaithal	27
12.	Narnaul	19
13.	Mewat at Nuh	8
14.	Palwal	14
15.	Panipat	10
16.	Panchkula	12
17.	Rohtak	13
18.	Rewari	17
19.	Sirsa	64
20.	Sonipat	16
21.	Yamunanagar	14
	<b>Total</b>	<b>441</b>

(c) Implementation of Legal Literacy Missions

In order to achieve the objective of spreading Legal Literacy, Haryana State Legal Services Authority has implemented special Legal Literacy Missions.

Prisoners Legal Literacy Mission (PLLM)

The main objective of the Prisoners Legal Literacy Mission (PLLM) is to provide access to justice and to eradicate the evils of exploitation, inequality and

suffering with the lamp of literacy. The project envisions that legal literacy will reform the mindset of the prisoners and help them become responsible members of the society. The objectives of the mission are to target the prisons and jails in a systematic manner and to hold Legal Awareness Camps in prisons, prepare and publish Legal Literacy Literature in local language and to circulate the same amongst the prisoners; to organize skits and audio/visual presentations for the prisoners to educate them about their rights; to co-ordinate with the prison authorities to ensure that freedoms that belong to the prisoners are made available to them and to help improve prison conditions by setting up low cost programmes such as crafts, weaving, workshops etc. which are vacation oriented and self-financed. The project is being implemented and monitored at the district level by the District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority.

#### Legal Literacy Mission for empowerment of underprivileged (LLUP)

One of the most under-privileged and disadvantaged class of persons comprises those who live in shelters and care homes such as Nari Niketan, juvenile homes, senior citizens homes, mental hospitals, homes for the blind, homes for deaf and dumb, orphanages etc. The Legal Literacy Mission for Empowerment of Underprivileged (LLUP) aims at reaching out to such underprivileged and disabled persons, make them aware of their legal rights, and take such legal steps as are required for enforcing their statutory rights.

#### Legal Literacy for Students (LLS)

With a view to make the students legally literate, Haryana State Legal Services Authority with the collaboration of Education Department of Haryana has opened Legal Literacy Clubs 1715 in Government Senior Secondary/Secondary Schools and Govt. Colleges; and 633 in private schools / colleges.

It is one of the most popular programmes, whose impact has been felt in the entire state. Students, the object of the programme, also serve as vehicles of legal literacy for the society. Competitions are held on selected socio-legal topics among students to enable them to showcase and develop their skills in skits, painting, poetry, slogan writing, declamation, essay writing etc at district, division and state level. The competitions culminate with an Annual function which is attended by high dignitaries from the Legislature, Executive and Judiciary where the winning students are awarded prizes.

So far, more than 25 lac students have been accessed through students Legal Literacy Mission-programmes.

#### (d) Publicity through print and electronic Media by:

Publishing different publicity material e.g.

- books

- pamphlets,
- Information Booklets; and
- Displays:
  - flex banners,
  - Calendars etc.
- Wide publicity through the leading newspapers, cable TV Television; Radio etc.
- organizing skits and nukkar Nataks
- displaying documentary films

Stalls are put up in major public gatherings, where Panel Advocates or Para Legal Volunteers provide information to the people about availability of various legal services.

Publicity regarding Mediation, Lok Adalats, legal aid and legal literacy programmes in Haryana is also done by the Information, Public Relations and Cultural Affairs Department, Haryana through electronic and print media.

On 9<sup>th</sup> November every year i.e. Legal Services Day, Hon'ble Executive Chairman of this Authority attends a talk show on TV, highlighting activities of HALSA and explains the various schemes being run by HALSA for downtrodden people. It is telecasted all over Haryana. Similar talk shows are broadcasted on All India Radio, Chandigarh.



(e) Publication by Haryana State Legal Services Authority

27 booklets on various subjects and a booklet containing welfare schemes of Central and State Government have been got printed by HALSA. These are distributed to the common people, which is very useful for creating awareness amongst the people.

## OTHER STEPS TO HELP PEOPLE TO HAVE 'ACCESS TO JUSTICE'

### Model Scheme for Legal Aid Prosecution Counsel

In 2009, HALSA started the Model Scheme for Legal Aid Prosecution Counsel for victims of rape and other crimes against women and children in all the districts of Haryana. Under the scheme, lady advocates on the panel of District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) visit the police station falling under jurisdiction of concerned courts allotted to them to give legal assistance to the victims. At the stage of trial also, any victim of such crime can be provided the services of such

legal aid counsel. Recently, modified instructions have been issued to the district legal services authority (DLSA) secretaries to approach the rape victim or victim of any other crime against women or children with all kinds of legal assistance. A female Para legal volunteer or woman panel advocate is attached with the victim without waiting for a call from the police station. This is done irrespective of the fact whether the case has been reported to the police or not.

This scheme has benefited 2711 women Victims during 2013-2014.

#### Front Office manned by retainers

Front Offices in all Legal Services Institutions have been set up to provide legal services. These are manned by Retainer advocates, who devote their time exclusively to legal aid work. They render services like drafting notices, sending replies to lawyer's and drafting applications, petitions etc. The retainers are available on rotation basis in the front office established in the court complexes and advice to any person, who approaches them with any legal problem. Front offices have been set up in all the districts and sub divisions of Haryana.

#### Para-Legal Volunteers



Picked up from target groups, Para legal volunteers seek to realize the vision of Mahatma Gandhi to reach the 'Poorest man in the remotest village'. They act as harbingers of legal awareness and legal aid to all sections of the society and create awareness among the people about their rights and responsibilities. Besides, the volunteers help people in resolving their differences amicably, provide legal aid as and when required; and act as intermediaries between the common people and legal services institutions by pulling down all barriers in the way of access to justice. Trained volunteers are also deputed to work in the Legal Aid Clinics for assisting the seekers of legal aid



for drafting petitions, applications and for accompanying them to the government offices for interacting with the officials for solving the problems of legal aid.

About 2000 Para-Legal Volunteers have been selected & trained so far.

Legal Care & Support Centers (Legal Aid Clinics)

Access to justice is the fundamental right of every citizen. But due to the expensive, complicated and time consuming legal procedure, the disadvantaged sections of the society generally do not take recourse to law.



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Committed to provide legal aid at no cost to the disadvantaged, HALSA launched the initiative of opening Legal Care & Support Centers earlier known as Legal Aid Clinics, as per NALSA Regulations. Such Centers have been set up in all court complexes, prisons, protection homes and elsewhere. Patterned on the primary health centers, these are intended to make

legal relief easily accessible to the indigent and backward sections of our society. The centers bring those suffering and legal services institutions closer. In a Legal Care & Support Centers, Panel lawyer or Para Legal Volunteers provide legal services to the people.

The scheme provides 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 resolves the disputes of the local people, thereby preventing the disputes reaching courts. In cases where legal services of a higher level are required, the matter is referred to the legal services institutions established under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.



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Publicity material, book-lets, pamphlets, various kind of forms meant for availing different welfare benefits like Ration Card, Caste Certificate, old age pension, widow pension, senior citizen card etc; and for availing various utilities like electricity connection, water connection, driving license, mutation etc. are kept in these Legal Aid Clinics. Para Legal Volunteers help illiterate people in filling these forms to avail various benefits under the Schemes.



Hon ble Mr. Justice Sarosh Kumar Mittal, Judge, P&S High Court-um-Ex,CH, HALSA inaugurating legal aid clinic Badhra, Bhiwani on 17.3.2013

111 Legal Care & Support Centers/Legal Aid Clinics have been set up in villages, Courts, Law

Colleges, office of Protection Officers, Jails, urban areas, slums, labour colonies, Primary Health Centers etc. during 2013-2014.

1,55,835 applications were received in these Legal Aid Clinics during this period for seeking legal services, 1,47,704 persons get benefited.

Student legal aid clinics have been set up by law colleges and law universities also. However, in such clinics the students in the final year classes render legal services and the junior students assist them.

The students working in the remote villages conduct surveys with the assistance of the Para-legal volunteers and voluntary social welfare institutions working at the grass-root level.

The student legal aid clinics send reports to the State Legal Services Authority with copies to the legal services institutions having territorial jurisdiction and also to the concerned DLSAs.

Besides, the student legal aid clinics in the rural areas, law colleges and law universities have also set up permanent legal aid clinics attached to their institutions.

#### District ADR Centers to serve as Single Window



District Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Centers are being set up in all Districts of Haryana with the funds provided by Thirteenth Finance Commission (TFC) for improving Justice delivery system. Said ADR centers are being set up at an accessible location and in the vicinity of the District Courts.

The objective of the ADR centre is two-fold: to bring all ADR facilities under one roof for the convenience of people, who can access solutions to their problems at one place; and to function as



a hub for all kinds of ADR activities--conciliation, mediation, arbitration, Lok Adalat and judicial settlement, making it a multi-service centre.

ADR Centers consist of a 'front office, Library; Waiting Room; Facility for conducting Lok Adalats/Permanent Lok Adalat constituted under Section 22B; A combined Office space for the District Legal Services Authority and the ADR Centre; Cubicles for conducting mediation/conciliation/Arbitration; computer room; Conference/Meeting room and other common facilities.

**HELPLINE:**

Haryana State Legal Services Authority has a toll free helpline number 1800-180-2057 for providing legal advice to the people.

Any citizen desirous of legal advice may personally visit the office of Member Secretary, Haryana State Legal Services Authority; or call toll free helpline number 1800-180-2057 for getting free legal advice for his/her case. An official of this Authority remains present in the said centre from 9.00 A.M. to 12.00 O'clock (midnight) on all working days. He ensures the services of an empanelled Advocate of State Legal Services Authority/District Legal Services Authority on telephone for legal advice to the citizens for resolving their legal problems. The said information is also available on the Authority's website [www \[dot\] hlsa \[dot\] nic \[dot\] in](http://www.hlsa.nic.in).

Helpline telephone numbers have also been provided in each district legal services authority, where anybody can contact for getting legal service.

607 calls were received during 2013-2014.

### VICTIM COMPENSATION SCHEME

Haryana Victim Compensation Scheme, 2013 has been recently framed in view of Section 357A of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. The Scheme envisages grant of Compensation to the eligible Victims of Crime like rape, loss of life, injury causing disability or loss of limb or severe mental agony to women and child victims in cases like Human trafficking, kidnapping, molestation etc. Compensation up to Rs. 3 Lacs is payable after due inquiry by District Legal Services Authority. There is provision for interim compensation also. Eligible Victim is entitled to Compensation not only when conviction takes place, but also if acquittal is recorded; or even in case, where victim is identified but accused is not identified or traced.

Scheme having been recently introduced, compensation amounting to approx. Rs. 25,00,000/- has been awarded in 20 Cases only so far. Efforts are being made to make the people aware about the Scheme so that maximum people can take the benefit thereof.

### KEY PRIORITIES OF THE PEOPLE IN THE STATE OF HARYANA IN TERMS OF ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Key priorities of the people are:

Speedy disposal of the pending cases

Easy Access to Justice

Legal Awareness

HALSA envisions not only making every citizen of Haryana legally literate, aware of his rights and duties, but also making the justice delivery system accessible to him, so that the objective of 'Access to Justice for all' is achieved. The Authority is taking every step possible to instill confidence in the poorest of the poor, and those living in the remotest villages, that by approaching the legal system, they can get their rights enforced.

Haryana State Legal Services Authority had organized the following programmes during the year 2013-2014:

#### APRIL, 2013

- 6.4.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Jhajjar.  
 6.4.2013 Special Lok Adalats for under trial prisoners in Central/Borstal/District Jail, Ambala, Bhiwani, Faridabad, Gurgaon and Hissar.  
 20.4.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Jind.  
 27.4.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camps in Jails.  
 Every Rural/Scheduled Lok Adalats.  
 Saturday/Sunday  
 Every Sunday Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminars.  
 or Holiday  
 1st Saturday Workshops for training of Advocates on the Panel of  
 3rd Saturday DLSAs/SDLSCs.

#### MAY, 2013

- 1.5.2013 Legal Literacy Camps on the occasion of 'International Labour Day'.  
 4.5.2013 Special Lok Adalats for under trial prisoners in District Jail, Jind, Jhajjar, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Kaithal and Narnaul.  
 11.5.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Kaithal.  
 18.5.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Kurukshetra.  
 25.5.2013 Special Lok Adalats for MACT cases in all the District Courts.  
 31.5.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camps on the occasion of World Anti - Tobacco Day and using of water i.e. (JALADHIKAR ABHIYAN)  
 Every Rural/Scheduled Lok Adalats.  
 Saturday/Sunday  
 Every Sunday Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminars.  
 or Holiday  
 1st Saturday Workshops for training of Advocates on the Panel of  
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#### JUNE, 2013

- 1.6.2013 Special Lok Adalats for under trial prisoners in District Jail, Palwal, Panipat, Rohtak, Rewari, Sirsa, Sonapat and Jagadhari.  
 5.6.2013 Legal Literacy Camps and programmes for protection of environment on the occasion of 'World Environment Day'.  
 8.6.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Karnal.  
 12.6.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camps for the benefit of children on the occasion of world day against 'Child Labour'.  
 Every Rural/Scheduled Lok Adalats.  
 Saturday/Sunday  
 Every Sunday Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminars.  
 or Holiday  
 1st Saturday Workshops for training of Advocates on the Panel of  
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#### JULY, 2013

- 13.7.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Narnaul.
- 13.7.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Palwal.
- 13.7.2013 Special Lok Adalats for under trial prisoners in Central/Borstal/District Jail, Ambala, Bhiwani, Faridabad, Gurgaon and Hissar.
- 20.7.2013 Special Lok Adalats for settling cases of Senior Citizens.
- 27.7.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camps for creating awareness amongst women of their rights and entitlements under MGNERGA.
- Every Rural/Scheduled Lok Adalats.  
Saturday/Sunday  
Every Sunday Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminars.  
or Holiday  
1st Saturday Workshops for training of Advocates on the Panel of  
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### AUGUST, 2013

- 3.8.2013 Special Lok Adalats for under trial prisoners in District Jail, Jind, Jhajjar, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Kaithal and Narnaul.
- 10.8.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Panchkula.
- 17.8.2013 Special Lok Adalats for petty criminal cases in all the District & Sub-Divisional Courts.
- 24.8.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Panipat.
- Every Rural/Scheduled Lok Adalats.  
Saturday/Sunday  
Every Sunday Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminars.  
or Holiday  
1st Saturday Workshops for training of Advocates on the Panel of  
3rd Saturday DLSAs/SDLSCs.

### SEPTEMBER, 2013

- 7.9.2013 Special Lok Adalats for under trial prisoners in District Jail, Palwal, Panipat, Rohtak, Rewari, Sirsa, Sonapat and Jagadhari.
- 14.9.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Rewari.
- 21.9.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Rohtak.
- 21.9.2013 Legal Literacy Camps on Municipal Law.
- 28.9.2013 Special Parivarik Mahila Lok Adalats in all the Districts and Subordinate Courts.
- Every Rural/Scheduled Lok Adalats.  
Saturday/Sunday  
Every Sunday Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminars.  
or Holiday  
1st Saturday Workshops for training of Advocates on the Panel of  
3rd Saturday DLSAs/SDLSCs.

### OCTOBER, 2013

- 1.10.2013 Observe Senior Citizen's Day.
- 2.10.2013 Legal Literacy Camps on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti.
- 5.10.2013 Special Lok Adalats for under trial prisoners in Central/Borstal/District Jail, Ambala, Bhiwani, Faridabad, Gurgaon and Hissar.

- 5.10.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Sirsa.  
 10.10.2013 Legal Literacy Camps on the vision of 'World Mental Health Day'.  
 12.10.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Sonapat.  
 26.10.2013 Special Lok Adalats by DLSAs & SDLSCs for settling Cheque Dishonor cases.  
 Every Rural/Scheduled Lok Adalats.  
 Saturday/Sunday  
 Every Sunday Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminars.  
 or Holiday  
 1st Saturday Workshops for training of Advocates on the Panel of  
 3rd Saturday DLSAs/SDLSCs.

### NOVEMBER, 2013

- 2.11.2013 Special Lok Adalats for under trial prisoners in District Jail, Jind, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Narnaul and Palwal.  
 9.11.2013 Seminar/Legal Literacy Camps on the occasion of National Legal Services Day.  
 14.11.2013 Legal Literacy Camps on the occasion of 'Children's Day'.  
 16.11.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Yamuna Nagar.  
 24.11.2013 Legal Literacy Camps in jails.  
 Every Rural/Scheduled Lok Adalats.  
 Saturday/Sunday  
 Every Sunday Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminars.  
 or Holiday  
 1st Saturday Workshops for training of Advocates on the Panel of  
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### DECEMBER, 2013

- 1.12.2013 Legal Literacy Camps on the occasion of 'World AIDS Day' for spreading the awareness about HIV/AIDS.  
 3.12.2013 Legal Literacy Camps on the occasion of 'World Disabled Day' for the legal rights of handicapped and disabled persons.  
 7.12.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Ambala.  
 7.12.2013 Special Lok Adalats for under trial prisoners in District Jail, Palwal, Panipat, Rohtak, Rewari, Sirsa, Sonapat and Jagadhari.  
 10.12.2013 Legal Literacy Camps on the occasion of 'Human Rights Day'.  
 21.12.2013 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Mewat.  
 Every Rural/Scheduled Lok Adalats.  
 Saturday/Sunday  
 Every Sunday Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminars.  
 or Holiday  
 1st Saturday Workshops for training of Advocates on the Panel of  
 3rd Saturday DLSAs/SDLSCs.

### JANUARY, 2014

- 4.1.2014 Special Lok Adalats for under trial prisoners in Central/Borstal/District Jail, Ambala, Bhiwani, Faridabad, Gurgaon and Hissar.  
 11.1.2014 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Bhiwani.  
 Every Rural/Scheduled Lok Adalats.

Saturday/Sunday

Every Sunday Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminars.  
or Holiday

1st Saturday Workshops for training of Advocates on the Panel of

3rd Saturday DLSAs/SDLSCs.

#### FEBRUARY, 2014

1.2.2014 Special Lok Adalats for under trial prisoners in District Jail, Jind, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Narnaul and Palwal.

8.2.2014 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Faridabad.

15.2.2014 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Fatehabad.

Every Rural/Scheduled Lok Adalats.

Saturday/Sunday

Every Sunday Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminars.  
or Holiday

1st Saturday Workshops for training of Advocates on the Panel of

3rd Saturday DLSAs/SDLSCs.

#### MARCH, 2014

1.3.2014 Special Lok Adalats for under trial prisoners in District Jail, Rohtak, Rewari, Sirsa, Sonapat, Jagadhari and Panipat.

8.3.2014 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Gurgaon.

8.3.2014 Legal Literacy Camps on the occasion of '**Women's Day**'.

22.3.2014 Special Legal Literacy Camp for Officials at Grass Root Level by DLSA, Hissar.

29.3.2014 Seminar on Protection of Women from Domestic Violence.

29.3.2014 Special Lok Adalats for Labor Cases in all the Labor Courts.

Every Rural/Scheduled Lok Adalats.

Saturday/Sunday

Every Sunday Legal Literacy/Legal Awareness Camps/Seminars.  
or Holiday

1st Saturday Workshops for training of Advocates on the Panel of

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