# **FREE LEGAL AID**

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# DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (DLSA), HOSHIARPUR

In compliance of provisions made under Article 39-A of the Constitution of India, the Government of India has enacted an Act namely, the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987 which has come into force on 09.11.1995 in the country and the State of Punjab has framed rules and Regulations namely, the Punjab State Legal Services Authorities Rules, 1996 and the Punjab Legal Services Authority (Transaction of Business and other Provisions) Regulations, 1998 respectively for implementation of various schemes and programs provided under the Act, 1987.

### PROCEDURE FOR TAKING FREE LEGAL SERVICES

The District Legal Services Authority, Hoshiarpur is providing legal services to the SC/STs, Women/Children, Industrial Workers, Mentally ill Persons, Persons in custody, Victims of Rights and persons having 1,50,000/ annual income. For obtaining facilities of legal aid Front Office in the ADR Centre, Judicial Courts Complex has already been established where Retainer Lawyers and a Para Legal Volunteers have been deputed to provide legal advice and to fill up the forms for obtaining legal services. The Front offices at Hoshiarpur is also established. After filling up of forms the cases are being referred to the panel advocates from the panel for providing legal services. The advocates of panel then defend/ file the cases in the competent court of law. Fee and all the expenses like typing, court fee, publications, expenses of witnesses are being paid to the advocates as per the instructions of Punjab Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh.

### MATTERS ON WHICH LEGAL SERVICE IS ADMISSIBLE

In addition to the cases covered under sections 12 and 13 of Act, legal service may also be provided in all matters where such service shall be aimed at-

- a) Amicable settlement of the dispute by bringing about conciliation between the parties to the disputes; and
- b) Rendering assistance in complying with various legal requirements in order to secure the benefits under various schemes sponsored by or on behalf of the Central Government or the State Government or any other public authority or for the Welfare of the general public or any section thereof.

# **MODES OF PROVIDING THE LEGAL SERVICES**

Legal service may be given in all or any one or more of the following modes, namely:-

a) By payment of court fee, process fee, expenses of witnesses, preparation of the paper book, lawyers fee and all other charges payable or incurred in connection with any legal proceedings.
b) Through representation by a legal practitioner in legal proceedings.
c) By supplying certified copies of Judgments, orders, notes or evidence and other documents in legal proceedings.
d) By preparation of appeal paper book, including printing, typing and translation of documents in legal proceedings.
e) By drafting of legal documents.
f) By giving legal advice on any legal matter.

g) Through Mediation Centres of Family counselling Centre.

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