

Scheme for
Legal Aid-cum-Literacy Clinic


In order to give effect to the policy and directions of the National Legal Services Authority and to provide free legal aid to the poor, needy persons and the members of the weaker sections of the society and

to promote social welfare activities through awakening the people particularly illiterates and living in remote backward areas of State of U.P. about their legal rights and duties; and

to make them aware of different social welfare activities sponsored by the State and Central Government with ways and means to avail such facilities.

“A Legal Aid-cum-Literacy Clinic” is to be opened at Tehsil level.

- 1-
 - A. It will work for giving instant advice and information on legal aspects.
 - B. It will assist the poor litigants in drafting, typing and presentation of miscellaneous applications.
 - C. It will assist the poor litigants in making oral queries from the officers of Court, if any, with the assistance of Secretary, Tehsil Legal Services Committee.
 - D. It will monitor the follow up actions in the matters in which legal assistance has been provided.
 - E. The panel of volunteer advocates shall be prepared.
 - F. The panel so prepared shall also look after the legal literacy camp services as and when required.
- 2- Depending on the requirements, at least one advocate, if possible one law student studying in final year, may be required to man the clinic. Secretary may take assistance from oath commissioner/amicus curiae.
- 3- Legal Aid Clinic shall have at least a waiting lounge and cubicle for the sitting of students, advocate and the persons who need legal advice or information on legal aspect.
- 4- Tehsil Legal Services Committee shall prepare a panel of competent lawyers in consultation with the President of concerned Bar, who voluntarily desire to provide their free services to the needy persons, in such Legal Aid Clinic on rotational basis on each working day from 11:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The lawyer so sitting in such Legal Aid Clinic is to perform like a Doctor in a hospital, catering to the legal advice required by the needy persons.


Member Secretary
U.P. State Legal Services Authority,
Lucknow

- 5- Till aforesaid accommodation is arranged Legal Aid-cum-Literacy Clinic can be started in the office of Tehsil Legal Services Committee. In the mean time efforts will be made by the Secretary of Committee for arranging suitable accommodation for the Clinic.
- 6- Students of Law Colleges and Law Faculty Members may also be requested to have their association with the clinic. Retired Judicial/Revenue Officers may also be requested to provide their contribution to this pious cause.
- 7 A register shall be maintained in the Legal Aid Clinic, Register will contain the details of counsels who have worked in the clinic, nature of advice and the details of beneficiaries. Monthly progress will be sent to the District Authority along with figures of Lok Adalat and Literacy Camps.
- 8- Tehsil Legal Services Committee will prepare and depict a Notice Board mentioning the aims and objects of the clinic in the vicinity of the office of the Tehsil Legal Services Committee.
- 9- The State Legal Services Authority, District Legal Services Authority and Tehsil Legal Services Committee within whose jurisdiction Legal Aid Clinic is run shall have right to visit, verify and observe the working of Legal Aid Clinic.
- 10- All expenditure, incurred for establishing such Legal Aid-cum-Literacy Clinic and for their day to day working shall be made available from such account either by State Authority, District Authority or by Tehsil Legal Services Committee.
- 11- Initially a sum of Rs. 500/- per month may be sanctioned to the Tehsil Legal Services Committee for meeting, the expenses of stationary and basic courtesies. On demand raise in the aforesaid amount may be considered by the State Authority.
- 12- Tehsil Legal Services Committee have already prepared a panel of competent and dedicated lawyers for providing legal services. They will be requested to sit in the clinic on the pro-bono-basis for giving legal advice and spreading legal literacy.
- 14- Chairman, Tehsil Legal Services Committee /Civil Judge (S.D.) may regulate the number of lawyers so that clinic runs smoothly.

If approved legal Aid-cum-Literacy Clinic may be opened at every Tehsil Head Quarter.

Member Secretary
U.P. State Legal Services Authority,
Lucknow