

SIKKIM STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

observes the

“NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES DAY” ON 9TH NOVEMBER, 2017

“NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES WEEK”- 9TH TO 15TH NOVEMBER, 2017

Rededicating to ensure equal opportunities and equal justice to all through legal aid services from the State Legal Services Authority, District Legal Services Authorities and Taluk Legal Services Committees.

Persons eligible to receive free legal services u/s 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987	What is the nature of legal services provided?	Legal aid is not available for the following;
<p>Any person who is either:-</p> <p>A member of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe; or</p> <p>A victim of trafficking in human beings or ‘begar’ as referred to in Article 23 of the Constitution; or</p> <p>A woman or child; or</p> <p>A person with disability as defined in clause (i) of Section 2 of the persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995; or</p> <p>A victim of mass disaster, ethnic violence, caste atrocity, flood, drought, earthquake, or industrial disaster; or earthquake and industrial workman; or</p> <p>In custody, including that of a protective home, juvenile home psychiatric hospital, psychiatric nursing home; or</p> <p>Having an annual income upto Rs.1,00,000/- per annum.</p>	<p>Legal Services include the rendering of service in conducting of a case or legal proceeding before any Court/Authority/Tribunal and the giving of legal advice.</p> <p>These are provided as under:-</p> <p>Providing Advocates at State expense;</p> <p>Paying Court fee on behalf of the eligible persons;</p> <p>Bearing expense regarding preparation of documents;</p> <p>Paying expense for the summoning of witnesses;</p> <p>Drafting of legal documents, special leave petition etc.</p> <p>Paying other incidental expenses connected with litigation.</p>	<p>Defamation;</p> <p>Malicious prosecution;</p> <p>A person charged with contempt of court proceedings or perjury;</p> <p>Proceedings relating to any election;</p> <p>Proceedings in respect of economic offences and offences against social laws, such as Protection of Civil Rights,1955, and the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.</p> <p>Where a person seeking legal aid:-</p> <p>is concerned with the proceeding only in a respect of official capacity or</p> <p>is concerned with a proceeding jointly with some other person or persons whose interests are identical with his and such person or any of such persons is adequately represented in the proceedings or</p> <p>is a formal party to the proceedings, not materially concerned in the outcome of proceedings and his interests are not likely to be prejudiced on account of the absence of proper representation.</p>

When can legal services be withdrawn?

Where the aided person is possessed of sufficient means.
 Where the aided person obtains legal services by misrepresentation or fraud.
 Where the aided person does not cooperate with the Legal Services Authority/Committee or with the Legal Services Advocate.
 Where the person engages a legal practitioner other than the one assigned by the Legal Services Authority/Committee.
 In the event of death of an aided person except in the case of civil proceedings where the right or liability survives.
 Where the application for the legal services of the matter in question is found to be an abuse of the process of law or of legal service.

For obtaining free legal services, a person may contact:-

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(5) District Legal Services Authority (West) District Court Kyongsa, West Sikkim. Phone No. 03595 250189.	(1) Taluk Legal Services Committee (East), District Courts Complex, Sichey, Gangtok, East Sikkim. Phone No. 03592 284131	2) Taluk Legal Services Committee (North), Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate (North), Pentok, Mangan, North Sikkim. Phone No. 03592 234383/234514	(3) Taluk Legal Services Committee (South), Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate (South), South Sikkim. Phone No. 03595 263145
(4) Taluk Legal Services Committee (West), Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate (West), Gyalshing, West Sikkim. Phone No. 03595 250779	(5) Taluk Legal Services Committee Soreng, Sub-Division, West, Sikkim.	(6) Taluk Legal Services Committee. Chungthang, Sub-Division, North Sikkim.	

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