

JHARKHAND STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

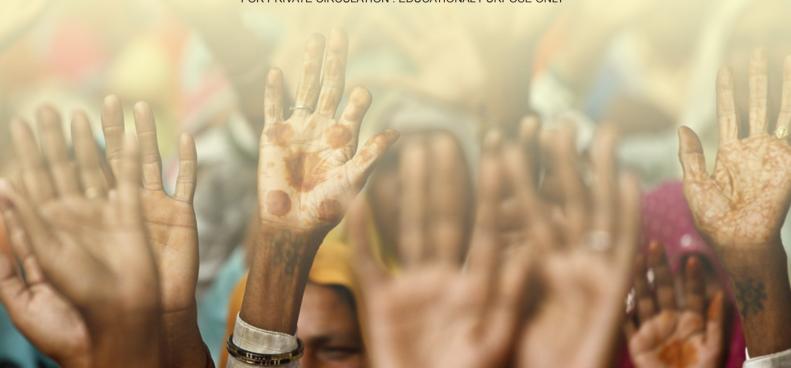
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An effective intervention for assistance of women against crimes

1. NAME OF THE PROJECT:

This Project shall be called the **Project – Sahyog for Women Victims of Crimes**. It shall be effective in the State of Jharkhand and shall guide the District Legal Services Authorities of Jharkhand in their action on the subject.

2. WHY THIS PROJECT?

The crime against women and girls takes many different forms including domestic violence, mental and physical cruelty, sexual assault and harassment, forced marriage and trafficking. For most women/ girls victims of crimes, the psychological wounds endure long after the physical wounds have healed. They may suffer intense fear, shock and terror in the course of their victimisation, followed by anger, anxiety, depression, social isolation and helplessness. Survivors of prolonged, repeated victimisation may develop severe mental health problem. These victims need specialised mental health services to help them begin and continue the healing process. Beside counselling by Psychiatrists, Psychologist, Mental Health Counselors, Doctors and Experts for treatment of their mental health, sometimes these victims are in immediate need of medical and legal assistance and compensation for their rehabilitation.

- Under this project, Jharkhand Legal Services Authority through District Legal Services Authorities and Sub Divisional Legal Services Committees shall
- Provide Free Legal Aid to the women victims of crime.
- Make arrangements for their counselling by experts.
- Assist in their medical treatment.
- Facilitate in filing of application for compensation by victim under Jharkhand Victim Compensation Scheme
- Take all possible steps for their rehabilitation.
- Assist them in availing benefits of different Government Welfare Schemes

3) **DEFINITIONS**:

- 1) "Act" means the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
- 2) "State Authority" means the Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority
- "District Authority" means a District Legal Services Authority constituted under section 9 of the Act.

- 4) "Para-legal volunteers" refers to 'PLV' as defined and trained under the NALSA Scheme for Para Legal Volunteers (Revised) and Module for the Orientation Induction Refresher Coursesfor PLV Training.
- "Women Beneficial Schemes" refer to any scheme/ programme/launched either by the Central Government, or the State Government, that is aimed at addressing any dimension of welfare of women;
- **"Taluka Legal Services Committee**" means a Taluka Legal Services Committee constituted under section 11-A of the Act.
- 7) The terms Legal Services Clinics, Front Office, Panel Lawyers and Retainer Lawyers will mean the same as defined under the National Legal Services Authority (Free and Competent Legal Services) Regulations, 2010 and National Legal Services Authority (Legal Services Clinics) Regulations, 2011.

4. OBJECT OF THE PROJECT

DLSA shall spread awareness by affixing display boards, distribution of pamphlets/leaflets and through print and electronic media about the right of victims to free legal aid, counseling, and benefits available under different government Schemes.

5. LEGAL BASIS:

Legal Services Authority Act 1987

Section 12 Criteria for giving legal Services:

Every person who has to file or defend a case shall be entitled to legal services under this Act if that person is

- (c) A woman or child
- (2) 357A of The Code of Criminal Procedure Code

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- (5) On receipt of such recommendations or on the application under subsection (4), the State or the District Legal Services Authority shall, after due enquiry award adequate compensation by completing the enquiry within two months.
- (6) The State or the District Legal Services Authority, as the case may be, to alleviate the suffering of the victim, may order for immediate first-aid facility or medical benefits to be made available free of cost on the certificate of the police officer not below the rank of the officer in charge of the police station or a Magistrate of the area concerned, or any other interim relief as the appropriate authority deems fit.
- (3) NALSA Compensation Scheme for Women Victims/ Survivors of Sexual Assault / Other Crimes, 2018

(4) Jharkhand Victim Compensation Scheme 2012 (as amended in the year 2016,2018 & 2019)

6. OBJECTS OF THE PROJECT:

The main object of the Project are as follows:

- (1) To enable the victim to get access to medical facilities and rehabilitative services.
- (2) To provide legal services to address the concerns of victims.
- (3) To assist in counselling of victims by Psychiatrists, Psychologist, Mental Health Counsellors, Doctors, Experts etc.
- (4) To facilitate in filing of application by the victim for compensation.
- (5) To create and spread awareness about the entitlements of the victim through District Legal Services Authority, Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committee, Panel Lawyers, Para Legal Volunteer and Legal Services Clinic and Legal Assistance Centre.
- (6) To strengthen legal representation for victims of crimes in availing the benefits of Jharkhand Victim Compensation Scheme 2012 (as amended upto 2019) and other Government Schemes.
- (7) To develop effective co-ordination and interface with State Government, Authorities / Functionaries, Institutions, NGOs and other organisations concerning or entrusted with the responsibilities relating to protection and welfare of women or victims.
- (8) To undertake and organise training and orientation programmes for panel lawyers, para legal volunteers for their skill enhancement and for developing a sense of deeper engagement among them for implementing this project.

7. PLAN OF ACTION:

- (1) DLSA shall open a Helpline for providing immediate legal and medical assistance to the women victims of crimes maned by the PLVs and retainer lawyer deputed in the Front Office which shall be functional on all working works.
- (2) DLSA shall liaison with Government Hospital, Reputed Private Hospitals, NGOs for counselling of victims by Psychiatrists, Psychologist, Mental Health Counsellors, Doctors, Experts etc.
- (3) DLSA with the assistance of Retainer, Penal Lawyer and PLVs shall felicitate in filing of application for compensation by the victim under Jharkhand Victim Compensation Scheme and other government schemes and Acts.
- (4) After receiving application for compensation under Jharkhand Victim Compensation Scheme DLSA shall process it in accordance with the procedure provided under NALSA Compensation Scheme for Women Victims/ Survivors of Sexual Assault / Other Crimes, 2018.

- (5) If application is filed for grant of compensation or benefits under any other Government Scheme or Act, DLSA shall liaison with District Administration / concerned department and facilitate in availing the benefits to the victim.
- (6) DLSA shall spread awareness about the entitlements of victim under Jharkhand Victim Compensation Scheme and other Government Scheme or Acts through Retainer, Panel Lawyers, Para Legal Volunteer, Legal Services Clinic and Legal Assistance Centre.
- (7) DLSA shall involve the reputed NGOs, as far as practicable across different religious and social organisation involved in philanthropic and charitable activities in carrying out its activities under this project.

8. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS:

It shall be duty of the Secretary, DLSA to maintain the records of the :

- ★ Victims assisted.
- Kind of assistance.

9. ANY PERSON IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE MAY CONTACT:

Member Secretary, JHALSA on his Mobile No. 8986601912 (this is whatsapp no. as well) JHALSA Helpline No. 9155509367 or on email-jhalsaranchi@gmail.com

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