

Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar provides free legal services to the poor and weaker section of the society to protect their legal rights in accordance the NALSA Free Competent Legal Services Scheme.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE ENTITLED TO FREE LEGAL SERVICES:

- A member of Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe.
- A victim of trafficking in human beings or beggar.
- A woman or a child.
- A person with disability such as suffering from blindness, leprosy, loco moto disability, hearing impairment, mental incapacity.
- A victim of mass disaster, ethnic violence, caste atrocity, flood, drought, earthquake of industrial disaster.
- An industrial workman.
- An undertrial in custody, including a juvenile or a mentally ill person in a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric nursing home.
- A person with an annual income of less than Rs. 3,00,000/-.

Modes of Legal Services

Punjab State Legal Services Authority provides following services free of costs:-

- Providing Assistance of Advocates for defending the cases pending in the Courts at each level, i.e. Sub-division, District, High Court or Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- Free legal advice.
- Payment of court fee, Process fee, Diet money of witness, counsel fee and other miscellaneous expenses incurred in litigation.
- Disposal of Cases through Conciliation Center, Mediation Center and Lok Adalats.
- Free services of Advocate to each undertrial/accused during Remand Hours.

The request for availing legal services in writing or verbally, can be made to the:

- Member Secretary, Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar, at State Level
- Secretary DLSA, at District Level
- Civil Judge (Senior Division) at Sub Divisional Level,
- or in the Front Offices, Legal Aid Clinics and Legal Literacy Clubs.

FOR DETAIL OF SCHEME SEE NALSA (FREE AND COMPETENT REGULATIONS), 2010 (AMENDED, 2018)