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ODISHA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

Aain Seva Bhawan

CDA, Sector-1, Cuttack



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INTRODUCTION

The Odisha State Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authorities have been constituted in the State pursuant to the Notification Nos.15664/LAP Dtd.23rd September, 1996 and No.15671/LAP Dtd.23rd September, 1996 of the Law Department, Government of Orissa. Prior to that, a Board namely Odisha State Legal Aid & Advice Board constituted under the Odisha State Legal Aid & Advice Programme, 1981 was functioning in the State pursuant to the Notification No.8010 Dtd.5th May, 1981 of the Law Department, Govt. of Odisha. With constitution of the State Legal Services Authority in enforcement of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 as amended by the Amendment Act, 1994, the aforesaid Board became defunct pursuant to the Notification Dtd.28.1.1997 of the Law Department, Government of Odisha.

By virtue of Section-28 of the Act,1987, the State Government has framed Rules namely the “Odisha State Legal Services Authority Rules, 1996,” and being enabled by Sec.29-A of the Act,1987, the State Authority has also made Regulations namely “Odisha State Legal Services Authority Regulations, 1996,” to carry out and give effect to the provisions of the Act, 1987.

Apart from the State Legal Services Authority, at State level, there are 30 District Legal Services Authorities, one each in every District, and 114 no. of Taluk Legal Services Committees in different outlying court locations have been constituted in the State.

The State Legal Services Authority and its field units have been constituted for providing free and competent legal services to the weaker sections of the society, to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities, to organize Legal Awareness Camps especially in rural areas, slums or labour colonies with the dual purpose of spreading legal literacy and legal awareness amongst the people and in particular to educate weaker sections of the society about their rights, benefits and privileges guaranteed by social welfare legislation and other enactments as well as the administrative programmes and measures to encourage settlement of disputes by way of negotiations, arbitration, conciliation and mediation, and to organize Lok Adalats for early settlement of disputes

to secure that the operation of the legal system promotes justice on a basis of equal opportunity.



The office of OSLSA was previously functioning at S.O.20, Cantonment Road, Cuttack. The new permanent building of OSLSA constructed at CDA, Sector-1, Markat Nagar and is functioning with effect from 25.09.2021. The building of OSLSA namely “Aain Seva Bhawan” was inaugurated on 25.09.2021 by Hon’ble Mr. Justice N.V. Ramana, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of India & Patron-in-Chief, NALSA in the august presence of Hon’ble Mr. Justice U.U. Lalit, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA, Hon’ble Mr. Justice Vineet Saran, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon’ble Dr. Justice S. Muralidhar, Chief Justice, High Court of Orissa & Patron-in-Chief, OSLSA and Hon’ble Judges of High Court of Orissa.



Lok Adalats: -

a) National Lok Adalat

As per the Lok Adalat Schedule for the, 2023 received from National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), New Delhi, two National Lok Adalats were organised on 11th February, 2023 and 13th May, 2023 respectively in the High Court of Orissa and in the District and other Sub-ordinate Courts.

In the 1st National Lok Adalat held on 11.02.2023, total 617 cases which include MAC Appeals, Service matters, Bank matters relating to SARFAESI Act, Land Acquisition matters, Electricity matters, Criminal Compoundable cases, matrimonial cases and Industrial disputes matters were identified for disposal by the High Court and out of the same, 54 cases were settled/disposed of in total, which include MAC Appeals-38, Service matters-01, Bank matters relating to SARFAESI Act-05, Land Acquisition matters-04, Electricity matters-01, Criminal Compoundable & matrimonial matters-05. A sum of Rs.2,86,05,986/- towards compensation was awarded in the aforesaid MAC Appeals.

Similarly, in the 2nd National Lok Adalat held on 13.05.2023, total 650 cases were placed which include MAC Appeals, Service matters, Bank matters relating to SARFAESI Act, Land Acquisition, Electricity matters, Criminal Compoundable & matrimonial matters, N.I.Act cases, Matrimonial matters, Industrial disputes and Other cases and out of the same, 61 cases were settled/disposed of in total, which include MAC Appeals-48, Bank matters relating to SARFAESI Act-05, Electricity matters-06, N.I.Act matters-01 and Matrimonial matters-01. A sum of Rs.3,51,39,200/- towards compensation was awarded in the aforesaid MAC Appeals.

Details of National Lok Adalats in High Court:

Date of National Lok Adalat	Cases placed	Cases settled	Settlement Amount (In Rs.)
11.02.2023	617	54	2,86,05,986/-
13.05.2023	650	61	3,51,39,200/-

In the 1st National Lok Adalat held on 11th February 2023 in the District and Sub-ordinate Courts and Consumer Forum/Other Tribunals, total 2,13,373 cases comprising of Court based pending cases-41,777, Consumer Forum/Industrial disputes-532 and Revenue Cases-171064 were placed and out of which, total 1,61,564 cases were settled/disposed of, which comprising of Court based Cases-13,202, Consumer Forums/Other Tribunal cases-150 and Revenue Cases 1,48,212. Total settlement amount involves in disposal of the aforesaid cases comes to Rs.161,73,61,443/-.

Further, out of 1,04,261 Pre-litigation disputes identified, 4136 disputes were also settled involving settlement amount of Rs.13,02,99,529/-.

Similarly, in the 2nd National Lok Adalat held on 13th May 2023 in the District and Sub-ordinate Courts and Consumer Forum/Other Tribunals, total 1,76,327 cases comprising of Court based pending cases 38,882, Consumer Forums/Other tribunals-537 and Revenue Cases-1,36,908 were placed and out of which, total 1,34,551 cases were settled/disposed of, which comprising of Court based Cases-11,700, Consumer Forums/Other Tribunal cases-165 and Revenue Cases 1,22,686. Total settlement amount involves in disposal of the aforesaid cases comes to Rs.91,27,85,573/-.

Further, out of 1,01,140 Pre-litigation disputes identified, 3962 disputes were also settled involving settlement amount of Rs.13,27,50,788/-.

Details of National Lok Adalats in District and Sub-ordinate Courts/Consumer Forums/Other Tribunals:

Date of National Lok Adalat	Cases placed				Cases settled/disposed of				Settlement Amount in both Pre-litigation disputes and Pending cases (In Rs.)
	Pre-litigation disputes	Court based pending Cases	Consumer Forum/ Other Tribunals	Revenue Cases	Pre-litigation disputes	Court based pending Cases	Consumer Forum/Other Tribunals	Revenue Cases	
11th Feb, 2023	104261	41777	532	171064	4136	13,202	150	148212	174,76,60,972/-
13th May, 2023	101140	38882	537	136908	3962	11700	165	122686	104,55,36,361/-

b) District Level Lok Adalats:

As per the Lok Adalat schedule for the year, 2023, a District Level Lok Adalat was held across the State on 11th March 2023 on the subjects, as specified by NALSA. In the said Lok Adalat, total 1,33,125 Cases were placed, which include Motor Accident Claims Cases-1922, IPR matters-12, Consumer matters-130, Land Acquisition Cases-721, Family disputes-1754, Revenue cases-1,27,647 and other ancillary matters- pending in any quasi-judicial authority & instituted before the State/District/Taluk Authorities-939 and out of the which, 1,11,969 Cases were disposed of/settled which include Motor Accident Claims Cases-233, IPR matters-02, Consumer matters-20, Land Acquisition Cases-70, Family disputes-235, Revenue cases-1,11,647 and other ancillary matters- pending any quasi-judicial authority & instituted before the

State/District/Taluk Authorities-157. Total settlement amount involves in disposal/settlement of the aforesaid cases comes to Rs. 21,93,75,095/-.

Details of District Level Lok Adalat in District & Sub-ordinate Courts:

Date of Lok Adalat	Cases placed		Cases settled/ disposed of		Total Settlement Amount (In Rs.)
	Court based pending Cases	Revenue Cases	Court based pending Cases	Revenue Cases	21,93,75,095/-
11.03.2023	5478	1,27,647	717	1,11,252	

Similarly, in view of the kind minutes of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman of this Authority, another District Level Lok Adalat was also held on 16th April 2023 exclusively on "N.I.Act Cases U/s.138" in 04 Districts Headquarters of Balasore, Cuttack, Khurda at Bhubaneswar, Sambalpur and at Sub-divisional headquarters of Panposh (Rourkela) in the district of Sundargarh. In the said Lok Adalat, 2059 cases were placed and out of the same, 262 cases were settled. Total settlement amount involves in disposal/settlement of the aforesaid cases comes to Rs.3,31,15,415/-.

Details of District Level Lok Adalat:

Date of Lok Adalat	N.I.Act Cases placed	N.I.Act Cases Settled/ disposed	Total Settlement Amount (In Rs.)
16.04.2023	2059	262	3,31,15,415/-

Permanent Lok Adalat (PUS)

As per the requirement under Section-22B of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 and consequent upon sanction & creation of different categories of posts by the State Government, this Authority has established 22 Permanent Lok Adalat (PUS) and the same is functioning in districts of Angul, Balasore, Bolangir, Bhadrak, Bargarh, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Ganjam at Berhampur, Jajpur, Jharsuguda, Kendrapara, Mayurbhanj at Baripada, Keonjhar, Khurda at Bhubaneswar, Koraput at Jeypore, Kalahandi at Bhawanipatna, Kandhamal(Phulbani), Puri, Rayagada, Sambalpur, Sonapur and Sundargarh respectively to provide compulsory Pre-litigation mechanism for conciliation and settlement of cases relating to Public Utility Services.

Taking into consideration of pendency of the disputes relating to Public Utility Services, the then Hon'ble Executive Chairman, OSLSA vide kind minutes Dated 4th September 9.2022 was pleased to divide 22 PLAs (PUS) into two groups i.e., clustered of PLAs and without clustered of PLAs. The name of 14 PLAs (PUS) functioning with clustered and name of 08 PLAs (PUS) functioning without cluster, is furnished herein under.

Cluster of adjoining PLAs (PUS)

Sl.No.	Name of the clustered Districts	Headquarters of the Chairman for the clustered districts
01.	Bhadrak, Jajpur and Kendrapara	Jajpur
02.	Koraput and Rayagada	Rayagada
03.	Kalahandi and Bolangir	Bolangir
04.	Sambalpur, Sonapur and Bargarh	Sambalpur
05.	Angul and Dhenkanal	Angul
06.	Balasore and Mayurbhanj	Balasore

List of PLAs (PUS) without cluster

Ganjam	Berhampur
Keonjhar	Keonjhar
Kandhamal	Phulbani
Khurda	Bhubaneswar
Puri	Puri
Sundargarh	Sundargarh
Cuttack	Cuttack
Jharsuguda	Jharsuguda

Data of PLA(PUS) for the period from 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023

No. of sittings of PLAs held during the period: 536

No. of Pre-litigation disputes were pending as on 31.12.2022	No. of Pre-litigation disputes instituted during the period	No. of Pre-litigation disputes settled during the period	No. of Pre-litigation disputes pending as on 30.06.2023
3192	690	1147	2735

Mediation

The mediation activities are being carried out in the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Centre Buildings situated one each in 16 districts of the State and in rest 14 districts the mediation activities are being carried out in the District Legal Services Authority office of the respective districts.

During the period w.e.f. 1st January, 2023 to 30th June, 2023 the District Mediation Centres have received 480 cases referred from the Courts, out of which 586 cases have been disposed of, including 364 pending cases of previous year in the mediation centres and 42 cases have successfully been settled between the parties.

**Cases Referred from the Courts to District Mediation Centres
w.e.f. 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023**

Cases pending as on 31.12.2022	Cases Referred	Cases Disposed of			Total Disposed of	Pending cases
		Cases Settled	Cases Un-Successful	Non-Starter Cases		
364	480	42	338	206	586	258

During this period, the District Mediation Centres have received 104 applications for Pre-Litigation Mediation from the applicants, out of which 134 applications have been disposed off, including 78 pending cases of previous year and 13 Pre-Litigation cases have successfully been settled between the parties through mediation.

**Pre-Litigation Disputes Received by the District Mediation Centres
w.e.f. 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023**

Cases pending as on 31.12.2022	Cases Referred	Cases Disposed of			Total Disposed of	Pending cases
		Cases Settled	Cases Un-Successful	Non-Starter Cases		
78	104	13	28	93	134	48

Similarly, during the period the District Mediation Centres have received 391 applications under the Pre-Institution Mediation & Settlement in Commercial matters (PIMS), out of which 450 applications have been disposed off, including 140 applications of previous year and 1 Commercial dispute have successfully been settled between the parties through mediation.

**Pre-Institution Mediation & Settlement in Commercial Matters (PIMS)
Received by the District Mediation Centres w.e.f. 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023**

Cases pending as on 31.12.2022	Cases Referred	Cases Disposed of			Total Disposed of	Pending cases
		Cases Settled	Cases Un-Successful	Non-Starter Cases		
140	391	01	03	446	450	81

Mediation Training Programme:

A 40-hour (5 days) Mediation Training Programme for the Advocates of districts of western Odisha i.e., Sundargarh, Sambalpur and Jharsuguda was organized by OSLSA at Rourkela (District-Sundargarh) from 1st April 2023 to 5th April 2023 under the aegis of the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC), Supreme Court of India. In the said training programmes, 22 Advocates-Mediators successfully underwent mediation training. Senior Trainers namely Ms. R.Ratna Thara (Advocate) and Dr. S. Padma (Advocate) deputed by the MCPC, New Delhi conducted the training programme.



Another 40-hour (5 days) Mediation Training Programme was also organised by OSLSA at Jeypore (District-Koraput) involving the Advocates of the districts of Koraput, Kalahandi, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur and Rayagada from 28th June 2023 to 2nd July 2023 under the aegis of the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC), Supreme Court of India. In the said training programmes, 24 Advocates-Mediators successfully underwent mediation training. The Judge Trainers of MCPC namely Mrs. Giribala Singh and Mr. Mahesh Krishnaji Jadhav deputed by the MCPC, New Delhi conducted the training programme.



Victim Compensation Scheme

The Scheme called “The Odisha Victim Compensation Scheme, 2012” came into force on 25th July, 2012 which has been published in the Odisha Gazette by the Home Department, Govt. of Odisha in pursuance of the powers conferred by the provisions of Section 357-A of the Code of Criminal procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974) is being implemented through the Odisha State Legal Service Authority and District Legal Services Authorities.

The Victim Compensation Scheme is amended by the Home Department, Govt. of Odisha and the Scheme is called “The Odisha Victim Compensation Scheme, 2017”, published in the Odisha Gazette on dtd.03.04.2017.

Further, the Home Department, Govt. of Odisha, in exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of Section 357-A of the Code of Criminal procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974) has amended the Odisha Victim Compensation Scheme by inserting Schedule-II (Compensation Scheme for women victims or survivors of sexual assault or other crimes) after Schedule-I and the Scheme is called “The Odisha Victim Compensation (Amendment) Scheme, 2018” which has been came into force with effect from the 2nd October, 2018, published in the Odisha Gazette on dtd.30.10.2018.

The objective of the Odisha Victim Compensation Scheme is to provide financial assistance to the victims and support services such as shelter, Counselling, Medical Aid, Legal Assistance, Education and Vocational training depending upon the needs of the victim. The Government of Odisha provides funds to this Authority which is being allocated to the 30 District Legal Services Authorities to deal with the applications for assistance under the Scheme in that district.

Details of Victim compensation fund (From 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023)

Opening balance as on 31.12.2022	Amount received from Home Department (1.1.2023 to 30.06.2023)	Total Amount	Amount disbursed (1.1.2023 to 30.06.2023)
Rs.9,23,02,418.52	Rs.15,00,00,000/-	Rs.24,23,02,418.52	Rs.15,71,27,306/-

During the period w.e.f. 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023, 1198 applications under the Victim compensation Scheme were received by the District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs), out of the same, 1577 applications (out of previous pending applications) were decided/disposed of and Rs.15,71,27,306/- was disbursed to the beneficiaries as compensation.

Victim Compensation Applications (From 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023)

Applications received	Application disposed of/decided	Amount disbursed
1198	1577	Rs.15,71,27,306/-

Legal Aid Defense Counsel System

As per the instructions received from NALSA from time to time, steps have been taken by OSLSA to implement Legal Aid Defense Counsel System in all the 30 DLSAs of the State. During the 1st Phase, steps were initiated by OSLSA to establish Legal Aid Defense Counsel System Offices in the districts of Angul, Bolangir, Balasore, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Ganjam, Kalahandi, Khurda, Koraput, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Nuapada, Phulbani, Sambalpur & Sundargarh. On 26th April, 2023, Hon'ble Dr. Justice S. Muralidhar, Chief Justice, High Court of Orissa and Patron-in-Chief of OSLSA has inaugurated the Legal Aid Defense Counsel System Offices in the aforesaid 15 DLSAs of the State through Virtual Mode at "AAIN SEVA BHAWAN", Cuttack in the august presence of the Hon'ble Judges of Orissa High Court.



Inauguration data

As per the instruction of the NALSA a 2-day online training programme have been held for the selected Legal Aid Defense Counsel at Odisha Judicial Academy, Cuttack.

Total 12 Nos. of Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel, 26 Nos. of Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel and 29 Nos. of Assistance Legal Aid Defense Counsel have been appointed in the aforementioned LADCS. After functioning of LADCS, the following no. of cases received and disposed of.

Total cases handled by Legal Aid Defense Counsel System from January,2023 to June,2023	
Number of cases received	Number of cases disposed of in Courts
624	79

Legal Aid Services

From the month of January to June, 13,471 applications seeking legal aid were received with different prayers and the same have been dealt with by the State Authority, High Court Legal Services Committee and other field units and out of which 13021 legal aid applications have been disposed of.

i) Total no. of legal aid applications received.	13,471			
ii) No. of legal aid applications disposed.	Panel Advocates engaged	Advice/ counseling	Other Services	Total
	1477	8901	2643	13021

Legal Services Management System (LSMS) is a web-portal developed by NALSA is used to monitor different legal aid activities of its field units. Any person can apply for legal aid through this portal by giving details of his/her grievance and also track his/her application status through Legal Services Management System (LSMS) portal.

From 1st January, 2023 to 30th June, 2023, OSLSA and its field units received 762 Legal Aid Application through Legal Services Management System. From 762 applications, 519 applications have been disposed of by DLSAs and TLSCs and 243 applications were forwarded to DLSAs, TLSCs and HCLSC for taking necessary steps at their end to dispose of those applications.

Year	No. of Legal Aid Application received through LSMS	No. of Application disposed	No. of Application pending at district level
From 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023	762	519	243

High Court Legal Services Committee

The High Court Legal Services Committee started functioning w.e.f.16.08.1998 in the premises of Orissa High Court, Cuttack. Prior that it was functioning in the Office of the Odisha State Legal Services Authority Cantonment Road, Cuttack. Hon'ble Dr. Justice B.R.Sarangi is the present Chairman of High Court Legal Services Committee, Shri Somyak Patra, Co-Ordinator Arbitration Center in-charge of the Secretary of High Court Legal Services Committee.

Establishment Of Monitoring and Mentoring Committee

According to Regulation -10(3) and (6) of the NALSA (Free and Competent Legal Services), there is a Monitoring and Mentoring Committee in this H.C.L.S.Committee consisting Shri. Samir Kumar Mishra, Advocate and Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee.

Providing Of Free and Competent Legal Services In High Court Legal Services Committee.

This is regarding free and competent Legal Services by HCLS Committee. There are 64 nos of Lawyers in High Court Legal Services committee. Suitable counsels from the

panel are being engaged to file and conduct the cases before the Hon'ble Court on behalf of the Legal Aided persons.

Engagement of Senior Advocates in Selected Cases

As per the Resolution passed in the Meeting of the Hon'ble Chairpersons and Secretaries of the High Court Legal Services Committee held on 15.05.2012 at New Delhi, requests have been made to the senior Advocates for conducting Legal Aid Cases and the Senior Advocates have given their consent to that effect.

Legal Representation

Free Legal Representations are being provided by the High Court Legal Services Committee to the applicant, if they are found to be eligible for the same.

Providing of Free Legal Services in High Court

This is regarding free Legal Services by HCLS Committee Counsels from the panel of HCLSC are being engaged to conduct the cases on behalf of those who have been provided with free legal services.

Payment to the Panel Lawyers

After disposal of the cases in which the panel lawyers have been engaged by the HCLSC for conducting the case, on submission of the bills for their honorarium, this committee is disbursing the same after due verification without any inordinate delay by transfer the fund to their bank Account.

Application Sent to Supreme Court Legal Services Committee For Filing Of SLP Before The Hon'ble Supreme Court Of India

Sl. No.	Year	No of Application Sent to SCLS Committee for filing SLP before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India
1	2023 up to June	05

Pro Bono Legal Aid Counsel

83 number of Counsel Registered Their name as Pro Bono Legal Aid Counsel

Web Site: -www.probono-doj.in

User Name: -rg.orihc@indiancourts.nic.in

Permanent & Continuous Lok Adalat

This Committee is holding Permanent & Continuous Lok Adalat in Which Hon'ble Shri Justice J.P. Das & Hon'ble Dr. Justice A.K. Mishra Nominated by Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Orissa High Court as Member of P&C Lok Adalat with fixed Honorarium of Rs.15,000/ per sitting.

Statement Showing the Legal Aid Beneficiaries in The High Court Legal Services

Committee of Last Three Years

Year	General Category	S.C. Category	In Custody	Women	S.T. Category	Total
2023 up to June	37	13	66	35	04	155

Advocate Engaged Through H.C.L.S. Committee For Filing of Cases Before The Hon'ble Court

Year	Bail Application	Modification Of Bail	CRLMC U/S 482	Jail Criminal Appeal	Criminal Appeal	Writ Petition	TRP	RSA	Legal Opinion
2023	21	13	03	70	02	12	1	1	10

Legal Aid Activity

a) Village Legal Aid Care and Support Centres :

As per the Reg.3 of National Legal Services Authority (Legal Aid Clinics) Regulation, 2011, the District Legal Services Authorities and Taluk Legal Services Committees have established 158 no. of Village Legal Aid Clinics/Centres at rural areas which are manned by Para Legal Volunteers. The said Centre functions once in a week.

During the aforesaid period, 7609 persons approached the Village Legal Aid Care and support Centres and 2795 persons were provided with legal assistance.

Village Legal Aid Care and Support Centres :

No. of persons approached the Village Legal Aid Care and Support Centres	No. of persons provided assistance
7609	2795

Jail Legal Services Clinics:

In view of NALSA (Legal Aid Clinics) Regulation, 2011, total 87 no. of Jail Legal Aid Clinics have been established in different jails which are functioning under the supervision of the concerned District Legal Services Authorities or Taluk Legal Services Committees.

During the aforesaid period, 3689 persons approached the Jail Legal Services Clinics and 2004 persons were provided with legal assistance.

Jail Legal Services Clinics:

No. of persons approached the Jail Legal Services Clinics	No. of persons provided assistance
3689	2004

b) Nyaya Sanjog

As per the instruction of NALSA, a Legal Assistance Establishment, named as 'Nyaya Sanjog' is established and made functional at the office of the OSLSA, Cuttack on 21st June, 2017 for providing multiple services and facilities to legal aid seekers under one roof and at a single location. The Nyaya Sanjog is manned by two Panel Lawyers of the DLSA, Cuttack on

rotation basis in every month to render necessary services to the legal aid seeker. The dedicated Helpline Number of the Nyaya Sanjog is 1516 (Toll Free). The Panel Lawyers of Nyaya Sanjog are also receiving calls from specially abled persons from the dedicated helpline number 1800-345-7571.

In between the month of January to June, 2023, 135 persons have approached the Nyaya Sanjog and they were provided with the required legal aid, assistance and consultation.



c) **Front Office**

In compliance with NALSA (Free and Competent Legal Services) Regulation, 2010, the Odisha State Legal Services Authority has established Front Offices in DLSAs and TLSCs. As of now there are 135 no. of Front Offices functioning in the State. The Front Offices are manned by Advocate-Retainers to render assistance to the Legal Aid Seekers approaching the Front Offices.

During the aforesaid period, 867 persons approached the Front Offices and 748 persons were provided with suitable legal advice.

Front Office:

No. of persons approached the Front Offices	No. of persons provided assistance
867	748

d) Front Offices/Retainer-Remand Advocates

As per Regulation-10 of NALSA (Free & Competent Legal Services) Regulation-2010 (as amended in 2019), Front Offices have been established in all 30 District Legal Services Authorities and 105 Taluk Legal Services Committees in the State of Odisha.

Retainer Lawyers are providing legal advice, helping in drafting applications, petitions, replies etc. One dedicated telephone number is provided to each Front Office. Total 135 nos. of panel Advocates designated to act as Retainers-Remand Advocate in the front offices to render assistance/services to the Legal Aid seekers approaching the Front Offices.

LED Televisions are installed in the Front Offices of 30 DLSAs, where NALSA theme songs, success stories, Documentary Films relating to Legal Aid Activities are being displayed.

Awareness Programmes

As per NALSA's guidelines, Legal Awareness camps are being regularly organized in different parts of the State, mainly in remote areas to generate legal awareness amongst the masses. Odisha State Legal Services Authority prepares a calendar with Common Minimum Programmes each year and communicate to all DLSAs and TLSCs with an instruction to organise nature of activities in each month. As per the said common Minimum Programme, Awareness programmes on: Rights of the transgender (involving transgenders), Constitutional Rights and duties of the citizens. (Involving Police officers, Panel Lawyers, PLVs, etc.), Establishment & functioning of the Permanent Lok Adalat (PLA) for Public Utility Services, the nature of disputes taken cognizance by PLAs and the benefits of the scheme under Chapter-VIA of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, Road safety, MACT and M.V. Act., Modified Claims Tribunal Agreed Procedure (MCTAP), POCSO Act (Involving Police officers, Advocates), Epidemic Act & Govt. guidelines on COVID-19, International Women's Day, S.C. & S.T. (Prevention of Atrocities) Act., Provisions of the Cr.P.C. like, FIR., Bail, Summons, and Warrants, Rights of legal representation Appeals Plea Bargaining, Solid Waste

Management. International Labour Day on 1st May 2023 with organization of Awareness programme on NALSA Scheme, Legal Services to the Workers in the unorganized sectors, Minimum Wages Act, Industrial Dispute Acts, Factories Act, and related schemes of Central/ State Govt. (involving Labour Officers, Police Officers, NGOs), Awareness programme for jail inmates (To be held on the day of jail visit by DLSAs).

That apart, in observance of important days, awareness programmes are being organized. During important festivals of the State which attract huge footfall such as “Rath Yatra” at Puri, stalls are being set up every year for generating and spreading legal awareness and dissemination of information regarding the functioning of the Legal Services Institutions. Awareness campaign is also being carried out through Electronic and Print Media and recently, even in social media.

During the aforesaid period, 1054 Awareness Camps were organized by the District Legal Services Authorities and Taluk Legal Services Committees in Physical and virtual mode across the State on different legal themes and welfare schemes as per the calendar of Activities of OSLSA and 1,18,548 Persons participated in above awareness campaign.

Total No. of Awareness Camps Organized (January-June, 2023)	Total No. of Persons participated in Awareness Camps
1054	1,18,548

Outreach Campaign

a) Mobile Legal Services Van

To disseminate legal rights among general public of far-flung areas of the state OSLSA was deployed Mobile Legal Services Van with the prime objective for propagation of the legal aid schemes, spreading awareness through public interaction in order to make people aware of their legal rights, and the role, activities and functioning of legal services institutions including various legal services schemes formulated by

NALSA as well as the various social welfare schemes of both Central & State Govt. DLSAs also depute Panel Lawyer, PLVs during the visit of Mobile Legal Services Van with an aim to create awareness and to provide instant legal Aid & assistance to general public and also to receive legal aid application from general public. During the Mobile Legal Services Van awareness through Audio Visual display System NALSA theme song, Schemes of NALSA, Various provisions of Law and various social welfare schemes of both central & State Govt. displayed during the campaign.

During the period Mobile Legal Services Van was deployed at Angul, Balasore, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Deogarh, Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Nayagarh, Kandhamal, Puri, and Sundargarh Districts of Odisha for creating legal awareness among the general Public of far-flung areas.



b) Visits to OSLSA

Facilitating the Students to have the basic knowledge on Legal Services

Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High court of Orissa and Patron-in-Chief Odisha State Legal Services Authority, Cuttack has been pleased to initiate a programme since the Children's Day 2021 for the visit of the students of different educational institutions to the High court of Orissa, Odisha State Legal Services Authority and Judicial Academy on different holidays



to make them aware of those institutions. On 7th January 2023 class 11th, 12th class students of Kendriya Vidyalaya Unit -1 Bhubaneswar visited the OSLSA. The students were made aware of the Legal Services Authority Act 1987, Various Scheme Of NALSA, Alternative Dispute Resolution system and their rights, apart from being given a brief idea about the various activities undertaken by the OSLSA and Lok--Adalat's, preventive and strategic legal aid programmes etc.

Visit of inmates of the Senior Citizen's Homes (SCHs) to OSLSA

Visit of inmates of the Senior Citizen's Homes (SCHs), Isani Berhampur, Khentalo, Kishorenagar, Nischintakoili, Cuttack run by the Association for Social Reconstructive Activities (ASRA), Cuttack to the High Court of Orissa along with Museum of Justice and Odisha State Legal Services Authority on 25th March, 2023.. The Senior citizens got a basis knowledge about the legal services authority and they were made aware about different laws and schemes relating to senior citizens. Some of them had approached for legal aid and their applications were immediately forwarded to the concerned DLSAs with a direction for speedy disposal. Hon'ble Shri Justice Gourishankar Satapathy, Judge, High Court of Orissa had interacted with them. Also, OSLSA has directed the DLSAs to regularly visit Senior Citizen homes coming in their district and submit report on their visits.



c) Legal Awareness Programmes (LAP) in collaboration with National Commission for Women

As per the instructions of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), with regard to conducting Legal Awareness Programmes (LAP) in collaboration with National Commission for Women during the current financial year 2022-23 in each of subdivisions or Talukas to spread Legal Awareness among women residing in rural and far-flung areas with collaboration with National Commission for Women (NCW). OSLSA and all its field units i.e. DLSAs & TLSCs organised legal aid camp throughout the State keeping with its mandate.

During the aforesaid Programmes all the field units i.e. DLSAs & TLSCs organised legal awareness programme specially for Women's and more than 5846 women's of far flung areas participated in the awareness programme and made aware in various Women's Laws i.e., National Legal Services Act, Dowry Prohibition Act., Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, Labour Laws Right to Education Act., Prohibition of Child Marriage Act., POCSO Act., To make women aware of the various organs of the justice delivery system etc.



d) Campaign for Persons with Disabilities Organized by OSLSA-2023

A campaign for Persons with Disabilities throughout the state of Odisha was launched as per the kind direction of Hon'ble Executive Chairman, OSLSA. The campaign was commenced on 22.05.2023 and it continued till 29.05.2023.

The campaign focused on door-to-door visits to find out actual grievances of Persons with Disabilities whether it relates to Govt. Schemes or legal matters. The week-long campaign involving panel lawyers, para legal volunteers, officials of District administration, other stake holders and govt. Officers who specially deal with beneficial schemes relating to Persons with Disabilities and it was headed by DLSA Secretaries.

In order to enhance the reach-out, brochures, short video were prepared and a toll-free helpline number for Persons with Disabilities has been generated. Apart that help of digital platform, social media are taken and the news are circulated in both English and vernacular language.

Considering the special needs of differently abled Persons and in order to cater their need effectively, a new exclusive Toll-free Help line number (18003457571) set up by OSLSA to provide Legal Aid/Assistance/Services to Persons with disability in consultation with telecom authorities. OSLSA has also applied for short-code against the Toll-Free help line Number.

A brochure reflecting different beneficial schemes of both Central and State Government with information of required documents for those schemes and procedure of application has been published by OSLSA.

A short video is prepared for dissemination of information relating to different schemes of Central and State Government on Persons with Disabilities by involving eminent actors of Door Darshan by this Authority and that video also depicting the content in sign language.

The said short video was played during the campaign and it is also uploaded in the YouTube channel of OSLSA and different DLSAs and also shared in other social media and digital platform.



e) DISHA (Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice)

The kind instructions of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), New Delhi communicated under e-mail Dtd.30.12.2022 with regard to Empowerment of Citizens through “Legal Literacy and Awareness Programmes in 112 Aspirational Districts across the country based upon composite indicators from Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & water resources, financial inclusion & Skill Development and Basic infrastructure.

As per MOU between Department of Justice and NALSA under DISHA Project, the Odisha State Legal Services Authority had conducted Legal Literacy and Awareness Programmes in the 10 Aspirational District in involving District Collector /Magistrate for integrating the Integrated Legal Services on 7-8 January 2023 by organizing awareness camp

amongst the general public on Constitutional rights and duties of citizens ,various social welfare schemes, legal services to unorganized sector workers, Legal services to children and their protection ,legal services to Senior citizens etc. and provided legal services to the needy beneficiaries. Besides that, free Health check-up camps were also organised in co-ordination with Health & Family welfare department to provide health & nutrition facility, distribution of free books, note books, Pen and pencils to children's and also instant benefits provided to the beneficiaries under various social welfare schemes.



Name of the DLSAs	No of programme Organised	No of persons attended
Bolangir	02	262
Dhenkanal	02	310
Gajapati	02	210
Kalahandi	02	1050
Kandhamal	01	55
Koraput	06	676
Malkangir	01	63
Nabarangpur	01	183
Nuapada	02	270
Rayagada	01	100
Total	20	3179

ACCOUNTS

❖ **Utilisation of funds received from NALSA, New Delhi from 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023 (Six Months) for different legal Services Activities:**

During the period of last six months funds of **Rs.4,85,00,000/-** has been received from NALSA, New Delhi towards Grants and **Rs. 2,22,94,104/-** has been utilised towards different legal services activities of OSLSA and its field units. The details are as follows:

- **Rs. 33,32,752/-** has been utilised towards Legal Aid and Advice i.e. Fees for panel lawyers for legal aid cases assigned to them, Honorarium to Remand and duty lawyers but other than retainer lawyers, Honorarium to lawyers for jail visits / police station and others, if any, Entire expenses on Legal Aid Defence Counsel System, Other incidental expenses in providing Legal aid, assistance and advice, Miscellaneous expenses, Expenses related to Court based legal representations.
- **Rs.1,07,68,580/-** has been utilised towards Alternate Dispute Resolution i.e. Honorarium for Lok Adalat Benches / Staff as per NALSA Regulation and Other Administrative expenses in organisation of Lok Adalats including publicity for NLA.
- **Rs.2,51,108/-** has been utilised towards Mediation i.e. Expenses for mediation and honorarium to mediators, Expenses for mediators training programmes, Other miscellaneous expenses incidental to Mediation activities
- **Rs.23,03,697/-** has been utilised towards Awareness & Outreach Activities i.e. Payments to lawyers/resource persons of such programmes, Payments to para legal volunteers, Organizational expenses, Awareness through media, radio, television, community media, social media etc., Advertisement & publicity expenses on any media, Organizational expenses of Legal services Camps including pre-camp activities, I.E.C. materials including pamphlets, booklets, videos, short-films etc. and Utilization and publicity through mobile vans.
- **Rs.56,37,967/-** has been utilised towards Others i.e Front Offices at SLSAs, DLSAs and HCLSCs, Fee for Retainer Lawyers, whether engaged on Monthly & daily basis, Capacity Building Programmes including organisation expenses & honorarium to

resource persons, Legal Services Clinics (LACs) at Mandal, Taluk, Village Panchayat etc. Jail Legal Aid clinics, Taluka Legal services Committees, LACs in JJBs etc., Entire Expenses in organising seminars / meets / consultations, etc, Audit and other fees to Auditors and All other miscellaneous expenses incidental and related to legal aid to poor programme.

❖ **Utilisation of funds received from NALSA, New Delhi from 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023 (Six Months) for Legal Aid Defence Counsel Systems:**

During the period of last six months funds of **Rs.3,00,00,000/-** has been received from NALSA, New Delhi towards Grants to incur expenditure for Legal Aid Defence Counsel Systems and **Rs. 77,71,343/-** has been utilised for the above purposes.

❖ **Utilisation of funds received from State Govt. of Odisha toward Grant-in-Aid from 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023 (Six Months) for different legal Services Activities:**

During the period of last six months funds of **Rs.1,44,00,000/-** has been received from State Government towards State Grant-in-Aid and **Rs. 48,64,252/-** has been utilised towards different legal services activities of OSLSA and its field units i.e., expenses towards payment to Hon'ble Retired Judges attached to P & C Lok Adalat, organization of Lok Adalats, Legal Awareness Camps and payment to Panel Lawyers, Remand Advocates, Front Office Retainers and PLVs.

❖ **Utilisation of funds received from State Govt. of Odisha toward payment of compensation to victims under Victim Compensation Scheme from 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023 (Six Months):**

During the period of last six months funds of **Rs.15,00,00,000/-** has been received from State Government **under Victim Compensation Scheme** towards payment of compensation to victims throughout the State and **Rs. 15,71,27,306/-** has been utilised out of above amount and previous balance amount as on 31.12.2022.

❖ **Utilisation of funds received from NALSA, New Delhi from 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023 (Six Months) for DISHA (Designing Innovative Solutions for Access to Justice) scheme:**

During the period of last six months funds of **Rs.31,50,000/-** has been received from NALSA, New Delhi towards Grants to incur expenditure for DISHA Scheme and **Rs. 80,408/-** has been utilised for the above purposes.

❖ **Utilisation of funds received from NALSA, New Delhi from 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023 (Six Months) for NALSA-NCW fund regarding Legal Awareness**

Programme for empowerment of Women under the NALSA NCW Collaborative Project:

During the period of last six months funds of **Rs.7,87,500/-** has been received from NALSA, New Delhi towards Grants to incur expenditure for Legal Awareness Programme for empowerment of Women under the NALSA NCW Collaborative Project and **Rs. 6,35,530/-** has been utilised for the above purposes.

Other Activities

a) OSLSA opened Help Desk to provide aid and assistance to victims of Train accident and their relatives.

On 2nd June 2023, a horrifying train accident happened in Balasore district, in the state of Odisha in which total of 294 people were killed in the crash and 1,175 others were injured. In quick response, the Odisha State Legal Services Authority, Cuttack immediately instructed DLSAs Cuttack, Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Bhadrak, Khurda & Jajpur to open Help Desks. Help desks were opened comprising PLVs, Panel lawyers & other official Staffs to provide legal aid & assistance to victims of train tragedy and their relatives.



Types of assistance provided in these Help Desks

- Attended victims and their families outside and inside SCB Hospital
- Helped in getting medicines and beds
- Arranged blood
- Helped in finding out different departments where the victims were referred from Trauma care unit
- Assisting to find out the dead bodies of the victims
- Keeping contact with other SLSAs in tracing the native of the victims
- Collecting ward wise information of the victims to help their families
- Coordinating with private hospitals where victims were admitted or dead bodies were stored
- Sending pictures or other details of the victims to other states like Bihar, West Bengal with help of OSLSA
- Arranging blood donation camp
- Assisting the family members/relatives to find out the victims

- Accompanying the victims to receive treatment at proper department and its following up
- Helping in providing information to the Govt. officials of other states about the victims
- Assisting in shifting victims to the referred Hospitals
- Helped in getting financial help (ex gratia) in one case



District wise report on the Help Desk and assistance provided to victims of Train accident and their relatives

Name of the District	Number of help Desk opened	PLVs engaged	Number of Victim attended
Cuttack	01	43	199
Balasore	02	23	140
Khurda	03	22	150
Bhadrak	01	04	106
Mayurbhanj	01	04	15
Jajpur	02	08	08

b) Student Legal Literacy Club

Following the guidelines issued by NALSA, total 746 no. of Student Legal Literacy Clubs have already been established in the State, each consisting of not more than 25 student members. There is one Teacher-in-Charge being nominated by the Head Master/Principal of the concerned school for each such club. The Club functions under the supervision of the Secretary, DLSA and District Education Officer of the concerned district.

The student members of the Student Legal Literacy Clubs are being involved in the legal

literacy/awareness camps as and when organized by the DLSAs/TLSCs as well as in the outreach campaign launched by NALSA.

c) Internship

Young academic talent of Law Students is associated with the District Legal Services Authorities under this establishment of Odisha State Legal Services Authority through the internship programme. 10 students have completed the Internship Training Programme during the period 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023 under the District Legal Services Authorities of Angul, Cuttack, Deogarh, Kalahandi, Khurda and Sundargarh and they have been given opportunity to know about the policies, schemes and how to provide free and competent legal services to the weaker sections of the societies by providing legal services through Lok Adalat. All the students were aware about the opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities. They were also made aware about the functioning of LADCS.

d) Visits of Jails and CCI by DLSAs

The DLSA Secretaries are regularly visiting jail in every month in order to ascertain the living conditions of UTPs. They are also paying un-scheduled visits to the jails and they are finding out the irregularities in basic facilities provided in jails and they are making necessary intimation to the concerned jail authority for its rectification. Also, one of the major objects of jail visit is to find out the UTPs who are languishing in jail custody due to non-furnishing of bail bond. In these circumstances, DLSAs are engaging panel lawyers for interaction with those UTPs and also taking necessary steps towards filing of applications for modification of their bail conditions before concerned Court and in obtaining socio-economic report for those UTPs.

Similarly, DLSAs are visiting Child Care Institutions in order to ascertain the basic needs and requirements of a child and they are also ensuring implementation of all

necessary guidelines which are framed for protection of interest of a child residing in a child care institution.

e) Training Programmes for Panel Lawyers and Para-legal Volunteers (PLVs):

The training module devised by NALSA was followed for training of panel lawyers. During the aforesaid period, one training programmes for panel lawyers were organized by the field units and 45 panel lawyers were given training.

Similarly, 34 induction/refresher training programmes were organized for Para-legal Volunteers (PLVs) 944 PLVs were imparted training.

f) Training of DLSAs Secretaries

On 3rd June 2023, one day training programme on various provision of Environment Laws was organized by Odisha Judicial Academy in collaboration with Odisha State Legal Services Authority and Pollution control Board. In the aforesaid training programme Secretaries of 30 DLSAs had participated and got training on various provisions of Environment Laws.



Success Stories

1. Reunion of mother with her son

Anandini Das, wife of late Jhadeswar Das residence of Kamarda village, District Balasore was sent by Hon'ble High court of Orissa to Odisha State Legal Services Authority for redressal of her grievance. The complainant on reaching at Odisha State Legal Services Authority had disclosed that she is being tortured by her Son and Daughter-in-law and also stated about her poor health condition. Food was immediately given to her and at the same time Member Secretary, Odisha State Legal Services Authority had directed DLSA Cuttack for immediate medical treatment of the complainant. DLSA Cuttack had admitted the complainant at surgery ward of SCB Medical college Cuttack.

The Member Secretary Odisha State Legal Services Authority had also directed DLSA Balasore to look into the complaint of Mrs. Anandini Das and on dated 22.02.2022 the DLSA Balasore called the son and daughter-in-law of the complainant to the DLSA office for the purpose of discussion and amicable settlement and after hours of discussion finally the son and daughter-in-law of the complainant agreed to take the complainant back to her house. On dated 24.02.2023, the son of the complainant had arrived at SCB Medical college and wanted to take his mother with him. His mother also showed her willing to go with her son. After getting all the clearance, the complainant was discharged from SCB medical. Both the complainant and her son were taken to DLSA Cuttack where further amicable discussion was carried out. The son had agreed in writing to take care of his mother and to meet all the medical necessity of his mother in future. At that time an emotional moment was blossomed at medical premises and DLSA Cuttack as well.



2. Addressing the problem of Child Dropout

To ensure Right to Education and safeguard against all form of abuse, neglect and exploitation a team comprising of ADM Khurda, DCPO Khurda, DEO Khurda, CDMO Khurda, DLO Khurda, DSWO Khurda and SJPU Khurda was constituted under the supervision of Secy., DLSA Khurda to undertake a comprehensive effort to address the issue of child dropouts in the district, through their concerted actions named as “SAMANAYA”, a total of 416 children were identified as dropouts, and measures were taken to minimize the impact and provide them with educational opportunities. The details of these children are as follows:

- Aged from 06-14 Years: 41 children were enrolled in appropriate classes based on their age, ensuring they receive the education suitable for their developmental stage.
- Aged from 15-18 Years: 375 children are currently in the process of being admitted to respective schools, with efforts underway to reintegrate them into the education system.
- To minimize child dropouts and create a supportive environment for continued education, the following steps were implemented:
- Career Counselling: Career counselling sessions were conducted in various blocks of Khurda district, aiming to identify schools with high dropout rates. A total of 3,257 students participated in these counselling sessions from 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023 in the 10 blocks where Career counselling sessions were completed. The objective was to guide and motivate students to stay in school and pursue their education.
- District Coordination Committee: Monthly District Coordination Committee (in presence of all team members) meetings were held to ensure the effective implementation of strategies aimed at minimizing school dropouts.
- Financial Support: Recognizing the challenges faced by vulnerable children deprived of basic and higher education, financial support was extended to 133 children.
- Steps are being taken by DLSA Khurda in battling this ongoing issues , with involvement of various volunteers and social organizations in addressing the issue

of child dropouts by providing counselling, reintegration, tracing and providing financial support.



3. Prevention of Child Marriage

DLSA Khurda successfully rescued six children from induced marriages and ensured their rehabilitation in various Child Care Institutions (CCIs) within the district. This intervention was followed by the lodging of FIRs against the culprits involved in these cases.

To prevent young girls from being coerced into early marriage DLSA Khurda has been conducting orientation and capacity-building programs at regular intervals to enable community mobilization and outreach to change social norms perception and attitude and educate about harm caused to children on account of child marriage. These programs focus on preventing child marriages, child trafficking, child dropouts, illegal adoptions, and similar issues. The knowledge and skills imparted through these programs have been instrumental in tracing the victims and identifying locations where forced marriages were taking place. These initiatives contribute to the prevention of child rights violations and empower local communities to address these challenges effectively.

4. Child Beggar & Child Labour

A rescue committee was formed for a week-long operation for prevention of Child Labour & Child beggar, starting from 9th May, 2023 to 17th May, 2023. The committee was chaired by the Secretary of DLSA and supervised by the Additional District Magistrate (ADM)

of Bhubaneswar. Other committee members included the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), District Labour Officer (DLO), Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), District Education Officer (DEO), and the Director of Child line.

During the operation, the committee successfully rescued the children who were victims of various forms of exploitation. The rescued children were then placed in the respective Child Care Institutions (CCIs) that were appropriate for their care and well-being. These CCIs are specifically designed to provide support, protection, and rehabilitation services to children who have experienced abuse, neglect, or other forms of harm.



5. 78-year-old Mayawati with the burden of 38-year-old different abled son

The local odia daily Newspaper “THE SAMBAD” dtd.

17.12.2022 in Page No.-09 published the news captioned that

“୭୮ ବର୍ଷର ମାୟାବତୀ ମୁଣ୍ଡାଇଛନ୍ତି ୩୮ ବର୍ଷୀୟ ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍କ ପୁଅର ବୋଉ” where

an old widow woman namely Smt. Mayabati Pradhan aged 78



years of Katabali (Sirki) village of Malikpada GP under G.Udayagiri village was maintaining her 38 years old disabled son namely Tikindra Pradhan. As per the news report, the old woman was suffering from old age-related ailment. Due to sheer poverty they were not in a position to travel to the hospital in a vehicle, buy medicines for treatment and buy groceries for household purposes.

Taking immediate action, basing on the News report, DLSA Phulbani vide its office letter no. 1854 dtd.20.12.2022 requested the Collector & DM, Kandhamal & CDM & PHO, Kandhamal to take necessary steps for treatment of Tikindra Pradhan.

The Addl. District Magistrate, Kandhamal, Phulbani intimated vide his office Letter No.666 dt.29.03.2023 that the Dist. Social Security Officer, Kandhamal, Phulbani has enquired and submitted a report in this matter. The ADM, Kandhamal further reported vide Dist. Office Order No.1986/Emg. /dt.25.12.2022 that on the basis of our letter Tikindra Pradhan has been sanctioned PwD Pension at @ Rs.500/- per month as well as Rs.10,000/- only from CMRF funds, 2022 in his favour for his treatment.

On receipt of the above letter from the Office of Collector & DM, Kandhamal, Phulbani, one PLV Sri Ashok Kumar Pradhan was also deputed to the Vill-Mukulingia, PS-G.Udayagiri, Dist-Kandhamal in order to intimate Tikindra Pradhan regarding sanction of Rs.10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousand)only in his favour . Sri Ashok Kumar Pradhan, PLV proceeded to his village and intimated Tikindra Pradhan regarding sanction of fund for his treatment and submitted a report that a sum of Rs.10,000/- has been credited to the bank account of Sri Tikindra Pradhan after verification of his bank passbook.

6. Rescue and rehabilitation of Destitute Woman with baby

On 11th March,2023, The Secretary, DLSA, Dhenkanal got information from Sri Prakash Kumar Das, Advocate that a middle-aged woman along with her four children are running here and there in the Dhenkanal Head Post Office area. On being asked she stated that, her husband assaulted her and drove out from her the matrimonial house. She requested to Secretary, DLSA, Dhenkanal for maintenance and education of her four minor children.

In such circumstances, the Secretary, DLSA, Dhenkanal immediately after consultation with the District Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Dhenkanal, instructed the District Social Welfare Officer, Dhenkanal to make necessary arrangements to rehabilitate the women and her four children in a proper shelter home in Dhenkanal as per the

Government rules and guidelines. Thereafter the women as well as her four minor Children were sent to Swadhar Gruha, Govindpur, Dhenkanal for their care and protection. The rescue news was published in daily newspapers.

7. Helping hand for helpless children

It came to the notice of DLSA, Jajpur from the daily News Paper “The Sambad” of 13th March, 2023 that six children of three families of Kaliapani G.P. are residing in a very miserable condition and they are living a helpless life as their parents went to other state to maintain their livelihood. Immediate step was also taken by DLSA, Jajpur by sending request letter to P.D., DRDA, Jajpur, DLO, Jajpur, BDO, Sukinda, DCPO, Jajpur and the Chairperson, CWC, Jajpur vide letter no.546(5)/dtd.13.03.2023 to take urgent steps for rescue and rehabilitation of the above-mentioned children. Then compliance report has been received by this office from the office of B.D.O. Sukinda vide his office letter no. 1811/dtd.27.04.2023 stating that the three families have got jobs through their job card under MGNREGS and name of all children of those families are added to the PHH Card and accordingly they will get their monthly Ration henceforth.

8. A Mentally Challenged Women of Maharashtra returned to her Home

One mentally challenged lady namely Ruksana Bee, aged about 36 yrs, after rescued from the District Headquarters Hospital, Sambalpur had been sent to Astha Gruha, Sundargarh for her treatment. After few days it came to the knowledge of Secretary, Astha Gruha that the rescued lady is pregnant. Further it was intimated that she was recovering and insisting to return to her native place. Hence, on the application of Secretary, Astha Gruha step was taken by the DLSA, Sundargarh through S.P. Sundargarh to ascertain the address of the rescued lady in the month of March, 2023.



It was ascertained that the mentally challenged lady is from Maharashtra State and with the help of DSP, HRPC cell, Sundargarh Ms. Amruta Nandidni Mohanty and IIC, Akohi P.S., Maharashtra the family members of the victim girl was traced out at Barsi Takli, Maharashtra who admitted that Ruksana was missing for one year back. Thereafter, the brothers of the pregnant mentally challenged lady came to Jharsuguda by train. The Secretary, DLSA then contacted the RPF staff at Jharsuguda after sending all the details of the family members of the pregnant lady. The victim was sent to Jharsuguda by DLSA, Sundargarh in a vehicle taking all precaution with the help of nursing staff and the staff of ‘Astha Gruha’ (a Home for the mentally challenged women), Sundargarh and she was handed over to her family members in presence of the RPF staff at Jharsuguda after all the formalities.

9. Legal assistance to helpless children

Susil Kumar Dipa, PLV of DLSA, Boudh has brought an issue of two children namely Manini Naik, aged about 11 years and Rupali Naik, aged about 7 years of village- Tikarasahi, Po- Tikarpada, Ps/Dist- Boudh to this office, whose father is working outside the state and a mentally retarded person due to which he is unable to take care after his family. Also, for this reason the mother of the children also left their home. After that the Children were living alone in a broken thatched house in a miserable condition and living by begging food from neighbours. Also, they were deprived of education and good health. On this, the Secretary made discussion with the DCPO, Boudh over the issue and after intervention of this DLSA, the above

children were placed before the members of the Child Welfare Committee, Boudh and thereafter after field verification and careful consideration, the children were admitted to the Ramakrushna Balashram, Birnarasinghpur, Boudh for their better education, food and health.

10. Legal Aid & Assistance to 13yrs.old Blood Cancer patient

As per the news article published in the daily News Paper “The Samaj” on 2nd March and 3rd March, 2023 and getting the intimation from Odisha State Legal Services Authority, Cuttack, it came to the notice of District Legal Services Authority, Nayagarh that a 13 years old boy namely Pradyumna Basanite of Kuruma Bankatara village under Odagaon block was suffering from Blood Cancer and his father for the treatment of his son had already sold his paternal land and was in dire need of help from the Govt.

After ascertaining that the news article to be true which need immediate attention, this Authority made correspondence to the District Administration and Health Dept. A team of Doctor had visited to the house of the patient and got to know that he was under treatment at BMC Hospital, Mumbai. Necessary communication made with the parents from time to time and at the same time persuade the matter with the Govt. for necessary help to the child. Finally, Collector & District Magistrate, Nayagarh intimated to this Authority vide his Order Memo No. 580, dated 11.04.2023 that the sanction order is issued for financial help to the child suffering from Blood Cancer out of Chief Minister’s Relief Fund. This brought a sense of hope in the eyes of the parent.



Aain Seva Bhawan

CDA, Sector-1, Cuttack