

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 2944
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 17TH MARCH, 2023**

BENEFICIARY OF PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE

2944. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of persons who have benefitted from Pro Bono Legal Service under the Nyaya Bandhu scheme in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of advocates registered for this scheme across the country, State-wise; and
- (c) the Law schools that have joined the pro bono club under the said scheme in the country, State-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

(a) to (c) The Government launched Nyaya Bandhu (Pro-Bono Legal Services) in the year 2017 with the primary aim of advancing the culture of pro bono and creating a framework for dispensation of offering pro bono legal services across the country. It links the persons eligible to avail free legal aid under Section 12 of Legal Services Authorities (LSA) Act, 1987 with the pro-bono lawyers.

Under the programme, practicing advocates, interested in undertaking legal pro bono work, are connected, via mobile application, with eligible marginalised beneficiaries, for delivery of *pro bono* (free of charge) legal services. As on 1st March, 2023, 2180 persons have been benefitted from Pro Bono Legal Services. (State/UT wise details are at **Annexure- 'A'**). Whereas, till date 5954 advocates have registered for the scheme across the country. Since the data related to pro bono advocates are maintained State Bar Council wise the same is given under **Annexure- 'B'**. Till date, 69 Law schools have joined the pro bono club under the said scheme. (State/UT wise details are at **Annexure- 'A'**)

Statement as referred to in reply to part (a) & (c) Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2944 for answering on 17.03.2023 raised by SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV, MP on Beneficiary of Pro Bono Legal Service			
A State-wise Statement containing number of persons have benefitted from Pro Bono Legal Service & Law Schools joined the pro bono club under Nyaya Bandhu (2017-2023)			
S. No.	States	No. of Persons Benefitted	Number of Law Schools
1.	Andhra Pradesh	58	01
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	02
3.	Assam	7	01
4.	Bihar	77	02
5.	Chandigarh	28	01
6.	Chhattisgarh	25	02
7.	Delhi	401	05
8.	Goa	2	01
9.	Gujarat	73	05
10.	Haryana	117	04
11.	Himachal Pradesh	4	01
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	9	01
13.	Jharkhand	37	01
14.	Karnataka	44	03
15.	Kerala	25	01
16.	Madhya Pradesh	93	03
17.	Maharashtra	379	05
18.	Manipur	7	01
19.	Meghalaya	0	01
20.	Mizoram	0	01
21.	Nagaland	0	01
22.	Odisha	106	03
23.	Punjab	17	02
24.	Rajasthan	33	03
25.	Sikkim	1	01
26.	Tamil Nadu	33	03
27.	Telangana	74	01
28.	Tripura	02	01
29.	Uttar Pradesh	281	07
30.	Uttarakhand	23	02
31.	West Bengal	213	03
32.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	11	00
33.	Lakshadweep	0	00
34.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	00
35.	Daman & Diu	0	00
36.	Puducherry	0	00
	Total	2180	69

Statement as referred to in reply to part (b) Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2944 for answering on 17.03.2023 raised by SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV, MP on Beneficiary of Pro Bono Legal Service

A State Bar Council-wise Statement containing number of advocates registered for this scheme across the country (2017-2023)

S. No.	State Bar Councils	No. of Advocates
1	Andhra Pradesh	539
2	Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim	100
3	Bihar	426
4	Chhattisgarh	158
5	Delhi	751
6	Gujarat	180
7	Himachal Pradesh	89
8	Jammu & Kashmir	115
9	Jharkhand	150
10	Karnataka	137
11	Kerala	129
12	Madhya Pradesh	517
13	Maharashtra & Goa	462
14	Manipur	24
15	Meghalaya	7
16	Odisha	225
17	Punjab & Haryana	619
18	Rajasthan	194
19	Tamil Nadu	264
20	Telangana	104
21	Tripura	6
22	Uttar Pradesh	557
23	Uttarakhand	71
24	West Bengal	130
	Grand Total	5954