

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3742
ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023

FREE LEGAL SERVICES TO SCHEDULED TRIBES

3742.SHRI NAKUL KAMAL NATH:

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

- (a) whether Scheduled Tribes are being given free legal services under the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA); and
- (b) if so, the number of persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes who have been given free legal representation through NALSA, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE
(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

- (a) and (b) Yes Sir. National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) has been constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 for implementation of legal aid programmes throughout the country. As per Section 12(a) of the Act, a member of a Scheduled Tribe is entitled to free legal services irrespective of their income. State-wise details of persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes who benefited through Legal Services Institutions throughout the country during the financial year 2022-23 is at Annexure-A.

Annexure-A

Statement as referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3742 for answering on 11.08.2023 raised by Shri Nakul Kamal Nath, MP - Free Legal Services to Scheduled Tribes

Statement showing details of persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes who benefited through Legal Services Institutions throughout the country during the financial year 2022-23		
S. No.	Name of State/UT Authority	Number of persons benefited
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	87
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1923
4	Assam	2310
5	Bihar	1727
6	Chandigarh	0
7	Chhattisgarh	8960
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0
9	Daman and Diu	2
10	Delhi	40
11	Goa	56
12	Gujarat	1625
13	Haryana	0
14	Himachal Pradesh	109
15	Jammu and Kashmir	362
16	Jharkhand	15875
17	Karnataka	3559
18	Kerala	277
19	Ladakh	420
20	Lakshadweep	0
21	Madhya Pradesh	17704
22	Maharashtra	990
23	Manipur	11021
24	Meghalaya	1250
25	Mizoram	2493
26	Nagaland	3736
27	Odisha	1003
28	Puducherry	1
29	Punjab	42
30	Rajasthan	117
31	Sikkim	110

32	Tamil Nadu	379
33	Telangana	51
34	Tripura	563
35	Uttar Pradesh	2
36	Uttarakhand	20
37	West Bengal	1742
	Total	78556