

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2102
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY THE 10/12/2021

ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE JUDICIAL SYSTEM

†2102. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

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

- (a) whether any efforts are being made by the Ministry to ensure easy, accessible and affordable Judicial system for the people belonging to socially and economically backward classes; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) and (b) The Legal Services Authorities (LSA) Act, 1987 provides free and competent legal services to the weaker sections of the society including beneficiaries covered under Section 12 of the Act to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities, and to organize Lok Adalats to secure that the operation of the legal system promotes justice on a basis of equal opportunities.

For this purpose, the legal services institutions have been setup from the Taluk Court level to the Supreme Court. During the period from April, 2021 to September, 2021, 3.10 lakhs persons have been provided with free legal services and 75.41 lakhs cases (pending in courts and disputes at pre-litigation stage) have been settled through Lok Adalats.

In addition, the Government has launched Nyaya Bandhu (Pro-bono Legal Services) programme to link the persons eligible to avail free legal aid under

Section 12 of LSA Act, 1987 with the pro-bono lawyers. 3583 pro bono advocates have been registered under the programme and 1436 cases have been registered by the beneficiaries. Tele-law programme, being run by the Government provides legal advice to public including persons entitled for free legal aid under Section 12 of LSA Act, 1987, at pre-litigation stage by the Panel Lawyers through the Common Service Centre (CSC) at the Panchayats. Tele-law has served more than 12.5 lakh beneficiaries till date.
