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

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 527

## TO BE ANSWERED ON, FRIDAY, THE 4th Feburary, 2022

#### **Engagement of Law Interns under Tele-Law Scheme**

†527.SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to utilize the expertise of advocates and law students under Tele law scheme to benefit vulnerable section of society; (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the government has any plan to involve students completeing internship under various Government training programmes to fasten the justice delivery system;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the plan of the Government to utilize the talent of such law interns?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir.The Government through its Tele-Law scheme provides pre-litigation advice and consultation to the citizens through a cadre of Panel Lawyers via tele-video conferencing facilities available at the Common Service Centers and through Citizens' Tele-Law Mobile Application. So far 129 Panel Lawyers have been on-boarded under Tele-Law.To maximize the benefits of Tele-Law reach the vulnerable sections of socitey, law students in

particularand students in general are motivated to volunteer and register as Para legal Volunteers (PLVs) on the Citizens' Tele-Law Mobile App.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. National Legal Service Authority (NALSA) conducts 3weekinternshipprogramme for law students during summer and winter period of the year. The objective of the internship programme is that law interns get a comprehensive idea of the working of the Legal Services Institutions and the legal services programmes with regional focus. During this internship the students visit Central jail or Sub Jail and interact with the inmates to find out if they are represented by a counsel and find out the difficulties of inmates, observe the working of the Legal Services Clinics, Home/Juvenile visit Observation **Justice** Board/Child Welfare Committee/Drug Rehabilitation Centre/District Courts including Magisterial, Sessions and Civil courts and police stations and look at the role of the legal services lawyers in these institutions. The students also attend and participate in Legal Literacy/Legal awareness programmes. On successful completion of the internship a certificate is issued to the law interns.

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