

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO – 949
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY – 05.12.2025**

FREE LEGAL AID TO MARGINALISED SECTIONS

949. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:
SHRI IMRAN MASOOD:

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

- (a) whether the Government is providing free legal aid to the poor, marginalised and weaker sections under the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), especially in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether any legal aid clinics, Lok Adalats or outreach programmes have been operationalized in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh especially in the districts of Katni, Panna and the town of Khajuraho under this scheme;
- (c) if so, the details of the number of cases resolved, beneficiaries reached and legal matters addressed; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to ensure availability of free legal services in these areas?

ANSWER

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

- (a) : Government has set up National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) under the Legal Services Authorities (LSA) Act, 1987 to provide free and competent legal services to the poor, marginalised and weaker sections of the society as covered under Section 12 of the LSA Act including the State of Madhya Pradesh. For this purpose, the legal services institutions have been setup from the Taluk Court level to the Supreme Court. Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority function through 51 District Legal Services Authorities and 174 Taluk Legal Services Committees.

(b) to (d) : During January 2025 to September 2025, 15,811 citizens were provided legal assistance through 80 operational Legal Aid Clinics in the State of Uttar Pradesh. During the same period, 1,45,613 citizens were provided legal assistance through 1,189 Legal Aid Clinics in the State of Madhya Pradesh. During January 2025 to September 2025, 3,36,21,409 cases were settled through Lok Adalats in the State of Uttar Pradesh and 4,04,992 cases were settled in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh State Legal Services Authority and Madhya Pradesh State Legal Service Authority organised 1,614 and 13,779 Legal Awareness Programmes which were attended by 1,68,586 and 8,65,458 persons respectively during the period 2025-26 (upto September, 2025).

The details of functional Legal Aid Clinics, number of persons benefitted and details of cases taken up and settled by Lok Adalats in the districts of Katni, Panna and Chhatarpur (Khajuraho) of Madhya Pradesh during January 2025 to September 2025, are as follows: -

Number of Legal Aid Clinics and Beneficiaries

District	Legal Aid Clinics	No. of Beneficiaries
Katni	13	167
Panna	9	55
Chhatarpur (Khajuraho)	1	-

Number of cases taken up and settled by Lok Adalats

District	Pre-Litigation cases		Pending Cases		Total	
	Taken up	Settled	Taken up	Settled	Taken up	Settled
Katni	15,493	10,731	4,157	1,848	19,650	12,579
Panna	28,552	968	1,955	621	30,507	1,589
Chhatarpur (Khajuraho)	209	138	134	123	343	261
