

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2077
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 31ST JULY, 2026**

AVAILABILITY OF FREE LEGAL AID SERVICES

2077. SHRI MALVINDER SINGH KANG:

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the availability of free legal aid services in the border districts of Punjab;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries who have received legal aid during the last three years;
- (c) whether additional funds have been allocated to strengthen legal services in these districts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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) to (d): The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) is a statutory body established under the Legal Services Authorities (LSA) Act, 1987. NALSA regularly conducts review meetings with State Legal Services Authorities (SLSAs) to assess the impact of legal aid services across the Country including Punjab. Simultaneously, all-India meetings of legal services authorities are held to evaluate the overall functioning of legal services institutions. During these meetings, officials from State and District Legal Services Authorities provide valuable feedback on the effectiveness of legal aid services.

More than 2 lakh beneficiaries have received legal aid and advice in the State of Punjab during the last three financial years. Data of district-wise beneficiaries of legal aid and advice is not maintained by the NALSA.

The allocation of funds by the NALSA to the States/UT Legal Services Authorities is made on a consolidated basis for implementation of various legal aid schemes and programmes framed under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. Data of district -wise allocation of funds is not maintained by NALSA. The details of allocation of funds to Punjab State Legal Services Authority during the last three financial years are as under: -

Financial Years	For Legal Aid Fund (in Rs.)	For LADCS Scheme (in Rs.)	Total (in Rs.)
2023-24	7,50,00,000	10,75,00,000	18,25,00,000
2024-25	7,94,00,000	4,40,00,000	12,34,00,000
2025-26	10,25,00,000	11,04,49,000	21,29,49,000
Total	25,69,00,000	26,19,49,000	51,88,49,000
