

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3435
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 07th AUGUST 2026**

LEGAL AID AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE

3435. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

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

- (a) the utilisation rate of the funds released to State Legal Services Authorities (SLSA) during 2025-26 and the reasons for underutilisation, if any, State-wise;
- (b) the number of legal aid applications rejected by District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA) and the grounds for such rejection;
- (c) the average time taken for the disposal of legal aid cases as compared with regular litigation; and
- (d) the details of the internal review, if any, of the quality and effectiveness of legal aid counsel empanelled under the scheme?

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): The State/UTs-wise details of funds allocated by National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) to State Legal Services Authorities (SLSAs) for implementation of various legal aid schemes and programmes are at **Annexure A**. The under utilisation of funds by some of the SLSAs was because of administrative and operational challenges due to introduction of Public Financial Management System (PFMS) Treasury Single Account (TSA) Hybrid Model which affected processing of payments.

(b): Under Section 13(1) of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, applications for legal aid are examined by the concerned Legal Services Authority and legal services are provided to persons specified under Section 12 of the said Act. The data regarding the number of legal aid applications rejected by the District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) is not maintained by NALSA.

(c): The disposal of cases in courts depends on several factors which, inter-alia, include availability of adequate number of Judges and Judicial Officers, supporting court staff and physical infrastructure, complexity of facts involved, nature of evidence, cooperation of stakeholders vis Bar, investigating agencies, witnesses, and litigants and proper application of rules and procedures.

(d): The Legal Aid Defense Counsel Scheme (Modified Scheme), 2022 provides a robust framework for monitoring and evaluation of performance of the Legal Aid Defense Counsels through the Monitoring and Mentoring Committees (MMCs).

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha unstarred Question No. 3435 for answer on 07.08.2026 – Legal Aid and Access to Justice

Grants allotted to various State Legal Services Authorities (SLSAs) during the financial year 2025-26 - Legal Aid Defense Counsel System (LADCS) Scheme code- 4287				
S. No.	Name of the SLSA	Amount Allotted	Amount utilised	Utilisation Rate (in %)
1	Andhra Pradesh SLSA	5,12,57,000	3,29,71,896	64.33
2	Arunachal Pradesh SLSA	2,12,85,000	2,09,76,500	98.55
3	Assam SLSA	23,46,23,000	22,38,96,791	95.43
4	Bihar SLSA	10,56,64,000	9,59,22,898	90.78
5	Chhattisgarh SLSA	10,00,00,000	9,48,19,729	94.82
6	Goa SLSA	1,36,89,000	1,02,13,951	74.61
7	Gujarat SLSA	15,07,62,000	14,34,53,855	95.15
8	Haryana SLSA	6,78,63,000	6,59,50,045	97.18
9	Himachal Pradesh SLSA	3,60,50,000	3,52,66,382	97.83
10	Jammu and Kashmir SLSA	8,15,00,000	7,54,68,755	92.60
11	Jharkhand SLSA	9,75,00,000	9,15,48,497	93.90
12	Karnataka SLSA	16,37,84,000	12,89,78,863	78.75
13	Kerala SLSA	6,99,00,000	6,47,88,820	92.69
14	Madhya Pradesh SLSA	15,44,76,000	14,25,39,896	92.27
15	Maharashtra SLSA	20,09,27,000	18,10,16,962	90.09
16	Manipur SLSA	2,08,72,000	2,08,72,000	100.00
17	Meghalaya SLSA	5,68,10,000	5,61,80,933	98.89
18	Mizoram SLSA	3,60,87,000	2,98,13,150	82.61
19	Nagaland SLSA	1,98,20,000	1,98,20,000	100.00
20	Odisha SLSA	5,75,00,000	5,47,42,769	95.20
21	Punjab SLSA	11,04,49,000	10,53,57,356	95.39
22	Rajasthan SLSA	13,27,22,000	12,33,86,928	92.97
23	Sikkim SLSA	1,14,80,000	1,13,91,020	99.22
24	Tamil Nadu SLSA	19,10,00,000	17,30,54,424	90.60
25	Telangana SLSA	11,80,00,000	11,44,28,557	96.97
26	Tripura SLSA	4,99,73,000	4,84,38,627	96.93
27	Uttar Pradesh SLSA	16,50,00,000	14,56,90,458	88.30
28	Uttarakhand SLSA	3,23,00,000	2,85,16,709	88.29
29	West Bengal SLSA	4,35,72,000	4,18,35,976	96.02
30	Andaman and Nicobar SLSA	5,00,000	5,00,000	100.00
31	Chandigarh SLSA	60,00,000	59,38,413	98.97
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli SLSA	7,38,000	7,22,013	97.83
33	Daman and Diu SLSA	10,20,000	10,20,000	100.00
34	Delhi SLSA	6,50,00,000	6,26,78,393	96.43
35	Puducherry SLSA	41,15,000	38,85,439	94.42
36	Ladakh SLSA	22,00,000	21,88,320	99.47
TOTAL		267,44,38,000	245,82,75,325	91.92

Grants allotted to various State Legal Services Authorities during the Financial Year 2025-26 from National Legal Aid Fund under the Scheme Code- 2298.				
S. No.	Name of the SLSA	Amount Allotted	Amount utilised	Utilisation Rate (in %)
1	Andhra Pradesh SLSA	3,35,00,000	3,34,93,163	99.98
2	Arunachal Pradesh SLSA	8,30,00,000	8,30,00,000	100.00
3	Assam SLSA	4,10,00,000	4,09,57,375	99.90
4	Bihar SLSA	7,75,00,000	7,75,00,000	100.00
5	Chhattisgarh SLSA	80,00,000	76,91,691	96.15
6	Goa SLSA	81,00,000	76,48,003	94.42
7	Gujarat SLSA	19,05,00,000	19,05,00,000	100.00
8	Haryana SLSA	7,15,00,000	7,13,94,488	99.85
9	Himachal Pradesh SLSA	2,75,00,000	2,75,00,000	100.00
10	Jammu and Kashmir SLSA	7,40,00,000	7,39,99,286	100.00
11	Jharkhand SLSA	13,25,00,000	13,25,00,000	100.00
12	Karnataka SLSA	9,30,00,000	9,30,00,000	100.00
13	Kerala SLSA	13,20,00,000	13,20,00,000	100.00
14	Madhya Pradesh SLSA	1,00,00,000	99,50,000	99.50
15	Maharashtra SLSA	3,50,00,000	3,50,00,000	100.00
16	Manipur SLSA	6,70,00,000	6,70,00,000	100.00
17	Meghalaya SLSA	4,07,00,000	4,07,00,000	100.00
18	Mizoram SLSA	7,90,00,000	7,90,00,000	100.00
19	Nagaland SLSA	3,80,00,000	3,79,90,000	99.97
20	Odisha SLSA	4,40,00,000	4,40,00,000	100.00
21	Punjab SLSA	10,25,00,000	10,25,00,000	100.00
22	Rajasthan SLSA	8,75,00,000	8,74,99,934	100.00
23	Sikkim SLSA	1,25,00,000	1,24,97,047	99.98
24	Tamil Nadu SLSA	1,30,00,000	1,30,00,000	100.00
25	Telangana SLSA	60,00,000	60,00,000	100.00
26	Tripura SLSA	4,50,00,000	4,48,39,203	99.64
27	Uttar Pradesh SLSA	10,35,00,000	10,35,00,000	100.00
28	Uttarakhand SLSA	10,40,00,000	10,40,00,000	100.00
29	West Bengal SLSA	13,13,00,000	13,13,00,000	100.00
30	Andaman and Nicobar SLSA	27,00,000	20,21,455	74.87
31	Chandigarh SLSA	21,00,000	21,00,000	100.00
32	Delhi SLSA	15,25,00,000	15,25,00,000	100.00
33	Puducherry SLSA	80,00,000	80,00,000	100.00
34	Lakshadweep SLSA	20,00,000	19,99,918	100.00
35	Ladakh SLSA	82,50,000	78,21,332	94.80
36	Supreme Court Legal Services Committee (SCLSC)	3,50,00,000	3,46,17,098	98.91
37	Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC)	60,00,000	53,85,007	89.75
TOTAL		210,76,50,000	210,44,05,000	99.85
