

Launch of Tele Law Scheme: New Legal Aid and Empowerment Initiatives by Department of Justice

The Hon'ble Minister for Law & Justice and Electronics & Information Technology launched this scheme on 20th April, 2017 at Jaisalmer House.

Tele Law: Mainstreaming Legal Aid through Common Service Centre

The Department is partnering with NALSA and CSC- E- Governance Service Limited for mainstreaming legal aid to the marginalized communities through the Common Service Centers (CSCs). This initiative, called '**Tele Law**', is aimed at facilitating delivery of legal advice through an expert panel of lawyers – stationed at the State Legal Services Authorities (SLSA). The project would connect lawyers with clients through video conferencing facilities by the Para-Legal Volunteers stationed at CSCs run by Village Level Entrepreneurs.

This initiative would also play a pivotal role in empowering 1000 women para legal volunteers which would be provided by NALSA in UP and Bihar. However, in States of North East and J&K the volunteers for para-legal work and the panel lawyers would be provided by the Government of India in partnership with CSCs.

In this scheme legal aid services for the marginalized at the panchayat levels would be ensured through video conferencing / telephone / chat in real time. Earlier, these marginalized people remained untouched due to geographical challenges and/or lack of infrastructure.

The project would be launched across 1800 panchayats across India. The details are as follows:-

Uttar Pradesh-500
Bihar-500
Assam – 450
Jammu – 61
Srinagar – 89
Arunachal Pradesh – 35
Mizoram – 12
Manipur – 17
Tripura – 40
Nagaland – 46
Sikkim – 10
Meghalaya – 40