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**SIMPLIFIED SCHEDULE PREPARED BY MLSA FOR PROPER AND EFFECTIVE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION PLAN 2013-14**

<i>SCHEDULE - I</i>
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<i>Visit of Various 'Homes'</i>
<i>Legal Literacy Campaign</i>
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<i>Observance of National &amp; International Events</i>
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<i>Establishment of Legal Aid Clinics</i>
<i>Training CWC members / JJB / Caretaker of 'Homes' / Officials of JSPA</i>
<i>Training of Police &amp; Excise Personnel on Human Rights, etc</i>
<i>Training of Legal Aid Counsels</i>
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<i>REGULAR QUARTERLY ACTIVITY</i>
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<i>Training of DLSA Staffs</i>
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<i>Training of NGOs having similar objectives with Legal Services</i>
<i>SCHEDULE - IV</i>
<i>RELEVANT TOPICS FOR LEGAL LITERACY CAMPAIGN</i>
<i>Social issues &amp; challenges relevant for the target groups</i>
<i>Children : JJ Act, PWD Act, Rape, Right to Education, Fundamental Duties, etc</i>
<i>Women : Section 125 CrPC, Human Trafficking, Rape, Domestic Violence, etc</i>
<i>Senior Citizens : Maintenance, Benefits from Govt., etc</i>
<i>RELEVANT TO ALL :</i>
<i>RTI, ADR, Plea Bargaining, COPRA, Victim Compensation Scheme, Free Legal Aid,</i>
<i>MNREGS, Cyber Law, Environment, 'Arrest, Search, and Seizure', Legal System,</i>
<i>Duties &amp; responsibilities of witnesses, etc</i>

## *From the desk of the Member Secretary:*

*It was a privilege to have Hon'ble Mr Justice J.S. Khehar, Judge, Supreme Court of India in Mizoram during June last who graced Legal Awareness programmes at Aizawl and Kolasib. Due to the initiative of our Patron-in-Chief, Hon'ble Mr Justice A.K. Goel, Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court, the programmes were graced by such eminence, thus rendering them grand successes. Organising the programmes under His Lordship's guidance and that of the Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Hon'ble Mr Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, Judge, Gauhati High Court was indeed a valuable learning experience, and an inspiring initiation into the challenges of dissemination of legal awareness and the role & function of the State Authority since taking charge as Member Secretary on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2013.*

*The MSLSA moved ahead during the first quarter of 2013-14 in its endeavour towards 'bringing justice to the doorsteps' of every citizen. Beside routine administrative work including internal audits of DLSAs and appointment of new District Secretaries, several programmes like Lok Adalats, Orientation & Training of Legal Aid Counsels, Awareness Campaigns, Observation of important National & International events, DLSA Secretaries Meeting to adopt the State Action Plan for 2013-14 giving priority to Training of PLVs & Establishment of Legal Aid Clinics, etc were conducted. During the same period, I also had the privilege of attending a meeting on 'Access to Justice: North East and J & K' at Shillong convened by the Ministry of Justice where I had the opportunity to stress the need for strengthening of SLSAs and DLSAs which was very well received.*

*Review of activities of the First Quarter was held under the Chairmanship of the Executive Chairman, Hon'ble Mr Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, our motivation for all of us who are involved with the SLSA and DLSAs. With the expectation that the Second Quarter would be as fruitful, if not more so than the first, let us look forward for a remarkable achievement during the period. Last but not the least, the first quarter was also specially significant because (i) the incompleting building meant for VVIP Guest House earlier (lying vacant) within the land allocated for the District Court, Aizawl has been allotted for MSLSA Office, and (ii) the State Govt. has been moved to provide necessary funds for reconstruction and renovation of the building which is expected to be approved soon. Some snapshots of the various events and activities during the First Quarter are displayed in the following pages.*

*Message from Patron-in-Chief*

## *Message from Executive Chairman*

## **MIZORAM STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (MSLSA)**

*Mr Thang Lianmang Guite, MJS, Addl. District & Sessions Judge, taking charge from Mrs Marli Vankung, Member Secretary, MSLSA, as Member Secretary on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2013 at the office Chamber of Member Secretary, MSLSA*



**Mr Thang Lianmang Guite took over the charge of Member Secretary from Mrs Marli Vankung on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2013**

*During April-June 2013 the MSLSA organized 5 (five) Legal Awareness Programmes*



**Legal Awareness Campaign held at Central Jail, Aizawl on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2013. Mr. Thang Lianmang Guite, Member Secretary, MSLSA addressed the gathering. Mrs. Ngurthanpuii, Assistant, MSLSA, Ms. Sylvie Z. Ralte, Secretary, Aizawl DLSA, and Mr. H. Lachhuanawma, Legal Aid Counsel spoke on the occasion on Role and Importance of Legal Services Authority, Appeal, Revision, Free Legal Aid, and Rights of Prisoners, etc.**

*Legal Awareness Campaign at Sihphir Venghlun YMA Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2013*



Mr. Laldinpuia Tlau, Civil Judge, Aizawl, presenting a paper on Child Abuse, Court Procedure etc.

Mr. K. Lalropuia, staff of MSLSA also spoke on Role and Importance of Legal Services Authority etc.



*Observation of Anti- Tobacco-Day on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013. Mr. F. Lalengliana, Advocate and Ms. Sylvie Z. Ralte, Secretary, DLSA speaking as resource persons.*



Mr. F. Lalengliana, Advocate on Cigarettes and other Tobacco Control Act 2003



Ms. Sylvie Z. Ralte, Secretary, Aizawl DLSA addressed the gathering on the Role and Importance of Legal Services Authority etc.

### LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT AIZAWL

*The Programme was held at Aizawl Club, Aizawl, which was graced by Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.S. Khehar, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Goel, Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, Judge, Gauhati High Court and Mr. Lalsawta, Hon'ble Minister, Law and Judicial, Mizoram*



Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.S Khehar, Judge, Supreme Court of India addressing the gathering.

### LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT AIZAWL

*Legal Awareness Programme held at Parish Hall, Kolasib on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. The programme was graced by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.S. Khehar, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Goel Chief Justice Gauhati High Court and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, Judge, Gauhati High Court*



Mr. Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Goel, Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court & Patron-in-Chief, MSLSA and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, Judge, Gauhati High Court & Executive Chairman, MSLSA addressed the gathering at the function on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2013





Orientation and training of Legal Aid Counsels held on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2013 at MSLSA Office.  
Mr. Thang Lianmang Guite, Member Secretary, presided over the meeting.

*MSLSA organised Lok Adalat on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month during  
April - June, 2013*



Counseling in progress



A meeting on 'Access to Justice: North East and J & K' held at Conference Hall, Meghalaya Secretariat, Shillong, on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 for Secretary (Law) and Member Secretary, SLSAs of NE States including Sikkim was attended by the Member Secretary, MSLSA who stressed the need for strengthening of SLSAs and DLSAs and was well received



A Joint Consultation meeting with Mizoram State Aids Control Society (MSACS) and their partners was held at Agriculture Conference Hall, Aizawl on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. It decided that MSLSA and the MSACS would work together on matters of common interest mainly focusing problems faced by marginalized groups like people living with HIV, etc

### **AIZAWL DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY**

*Regular Jail visit was conducted every month during April-June, 2013. A total of 250 persons were given Free Legal Services.*

### **CHAMPHAI DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY**

*During April - June, 2013, Jail visit was conducted regularly by the DLSA.*

### **KOLASIB DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY**

*During the period of April-June, 2013 Kolasib DLSA organized a Campaign at Diakkawn, Kolasib on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. It also conducted House to House Campaign-cum-Distribution of leaflets and booklets at Northern part of Kolasib town on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2013.*

*Visit to Jail was conducted regularly and Legal Aid Clinics held at the District Jail on every working day.*

*44 number of accused persons and 1 juvenile allegedly in conflict with law were provided free Legal Assistance. 205 peoples have so far benefited Legal Aid under various Legal Aid Schemes.*

*Lok Adalat is regularly held every second Saturday of the month. Out of 10 Cases received, 5 Cases were successfully settled.*

### **LAWNGTLAI DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY**

*During April-June, 2013 Lawngtlai DLSA observed 'World Day Against Child Labour' and also conducted Legal Awareness Campaign.*



On 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 at Govt. Region Higher Secondary School, Lawngtlai

On 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 Legal Awareness Campaign on 'Availability of Health Care Service including Mental Health' on LIBK Hall, Electric Veng, Lawngtlai



### *MAMIT DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY*

On 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013 Mamit DLSA observed 'Anti Tobacco Day' at Mamit. On 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2013 the DLSA organized Legal Awareness Campaign at Dapchhuah, Mamit District and 4 (four) Legal Aid Clinics set up during April - June, 2013.

### *SAIHA DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY*

During 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter (April - June) 2013 Saiha DLSA organized 2 (two) Legal Awareness Programmes. District Jail was visited once a month. Free Legal Aid was given to 10 persons. The DLSA also made proposal for vertical extension of the court building for Lok Adalat Room. Some of the activities are highlighted:

Legal Awareness programme jointly organized by the DLSA with Joint YMA, Saiha at Group YMA Hall, New Colony, Saiha on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 under the theme of 'Law Relating to Socio-economic life of the Mizo'



Dr. HTC Lalrinchhana, Secretary, DLSA delivering a lecture on the topic



Cultural activities during the programme.

*Legal Awareness jointly organized by Saiha DLSA with YMA, New Saiha Branch at Govt. Higher Secondary School, Saiha on 18.6.2013 on the topic: "Law Pertaining to Women and Children"*

**Mt. T. Lahmachhuna, MJS, Civil Judge-cum- JMFC on Law relating to protection of child emphasizing the provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 exhorting the relevance of the Act and also on beneficial legislation u/s 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure,1973**



*Mr. T. Lahmachhuana, MJS delivered speech on Child Rights*



**Dr. H.T.C. Lalrinchhana, MJS, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Senior Civil Judge, Saiha presented the paper under the topic viz. "Law relating to protection of women". He dealt with the topic on eve teasing as recently directed by Hon'ble Supreme Court. He mainly affirmed and stressed the relevance of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013 pertaining to women rights.**

### **SERCHHIP DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY**

*Legal Aid Clinic at Serchhip District Court Building was fully functioning during April - June, 2013. There are 5 Legal Aid Clinics in the District. The Clinics are manned by Para Legal Volunteers on rotational basis. About 70-80 cases were attended to ranging from Counseling on legal matters and drafting application.*

**REPORTS OF LOK ADALAT, DURING APRIL - JUNE**

Sl. No		APRIL	MAY	JUNE
1.	<b>Lok Adalat Held</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33</b>
2.	<b>Number of Cases Taken</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	
3.	<b>Cases Disposed:</b>			
	(a) Money Suit	4	4	3
	(b) Land Dispute	3	1	
	(c) Declaratory			
	(d) Defamation			
	(e) Maintenance	1		

**NUMBER OF LEGAL AID BENEFICIARIES DURING  
APRIL - JUNE, 2013**

District	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Aizawl District	53	105	47
Lunglei District	7	8	Nil
Kolasib District	69	68	68
Champhai District	12	Nil	2
Serchhip District	25	Nil	37
Saiha District	4	5	Nil
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>154</b>

**NUMBER OF LEGAL AID CLINIC ESTABLISHED AND PARA LEGAL VOLUNTEERS  
TRAINED TILL JUNE, 2013**

District	No. of Para Legal Volunteers trained till date	No. of Legal Aid Clinics established
<b>Aizawl</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Lunglei</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Saiha</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Lawngtlai</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Champhai</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Kolasib</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Mamit</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Serchhip</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>32</b>