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NALSA Child-Friendly Legal Services for Children Scheme, 2024

Free legal aid for children, including children with disabilities, through a special legal unit for children set up in each district.

What you may get

Free and competent legal services for a child, such as advice, counselling and representation, in civil, criminal and administrative matters. Each district is to set up a special unit of panel lawyers and para legal volunteers trained to deal with children.

Who it is for

Children, including children with disabilities, and their parents or lawful guardians who seek legal help on behalf of the child.

Main conditions

- Section 12 (c) of the 1987 Act gives every child the right to free legal aid, whether to start or to defend a case.
- Legal Services Institutions have a duty to give a child free, skilled legal help when it is needed, or when it is asked for by the child or for the child.
- Children who are in trouble with the law, and children who need care and protection, are helped by trained legal volunteers placed at police stations, juvenile courts, child homes and child welfare committees.

How to apply

1. Approach the District Legal Services Authority, the Taluk Legal Services Committee or any Legal Services Authority, with a written application or orally. An officer or a para legal volunteer can help you fill it.
2. You can also apply online through the Legal Aid Application link on the NALSA website.
3. A parent, guardian or supporting agency can apply on behalf of the child.

Status

Active

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