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NALSA Community Mediation: Towards a Litigation-Free Rural India

NALSA community mediation helps villagers settle local disputes, such as family, neighbourhood and land matters, through trained community mediators arranged by the legal services authority.

What you may get

Mediation of a local dispute by a panel of community mediators arranged through the District Legal Services Authority or Taluk Legal Services Committee. The request is registered and acknowledged within 24 hours, given to a mediator panel within 48 hours, and mediation is preferably finished within 30 days. A settlement is written down, signed by both sides and a copy is given to each.

Who it is for

Residents and families of rural areas who have a local dispute that affects peace and harmony and where both sides agree to mediation.

Main conditions

- Both sides must agree to mediation. Taking part is voluntary and either side can withdraw before signing the settlement.
- The dispute must be of a local or community nature, for example family, neighbourhood, land boundary, property, community resource, small money recovery or workplace disputes.
- Heinous offences and non-compoundable matters are not taken up. Disputes that the Mediation Act, 2023 keeps out in its First Schedule are also not taken up.

How to apply

1. Apply to the District Legal Services Authority or the Taluk Legal Services Committee, orally or in writing. A party to the dispute can apply.
2. A dispute can also be referred to them by officials such as the Tehsildar or Block Development Officer, the Gram Panchayat, the police, a para legal volunteer or a Lok Adalat, but only with the consent of both sides.
3. The Legal Services Authority checks whether the dispute is suitable, and then sends it to a community mediator panel.
4. If no settlement is reached, you are told about other remedies such as the Lok Adalat or the courts.

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