distributed amongst inmates during the visit of His Lordship. His Lordship appreciated the work being done by the trust of Shardhanand Anathalya as in these days no one can do such a work. His Lordship wished that God may strengthen them to do such a noble work. His Lordship advised the members of the Trust to contact HALSA if there is a need of legal services. Children may be made aware about the Legal Literacy Mission.

Visit to Legal Aid Clinic at Kunjpura, Karnal

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court visited Legal Aid Clinic set up in Government Primary School at village Kunjpura (Karnal) on 24.9.2011 at 3.30 PM in the presence of Mr. Mohinder Singh, Sarpanch of village Kunjpura, Mrs. Raj Rahul Garg, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Karnal, Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA, Mr. Rajan Walia, CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Karnal, Mr. Mukul Kumar, SDM, Karnal and one panel Advocate namely Ms. Richa Nuhria also accompanied His Lordship. About 100 villagers were present there. His Lordship addressed the gathering and told that they must read the literature provided by HALSA/DLSA to know about the law of the land and rights and duties of citizens and bring the difficulties faced by them in the notice of Panel Advocates and Para-Legal Volunteers visiting the Legal Aid Clinic for the redressal of the same. His Lordship directed the Police Officers present there to be cooperative with the Sarpanch. However, His Lordship advised the Sarpanch not to make compromise in non-compoundable cases such as in cases of murder etc.

Mr. Rajan Walia, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Karnal was asked to make the Legal Aid Clinics as set up in the villages/Gram Panchayats, truly functional and to keep a register in all Legal Aid Clinics to note down the grievances etc. of the villagers.

Jail Inspection

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court, alongwith Mrs. Raj Rahul Garg, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Karnal, Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA, Mr. Rajan Walia, CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Karnal and one panel Advocate namely Mr. Amar Singh Rana visited/inspected District Jail, Karnal in the presence of Shri Sher Singh, Superintendent, District Jail, Karnal on 24.9.2011 at 4.45 PM.

His Lordship told the inmates about the facilities being provided by the Legal Services Authorities and informed the undertrials/prisoners about their legal rights. The steps which were required to be taken in the jail were discussed with Sh. Sher Singh, Superintendent, District Jail, Karnal. Legal Aid Clinic has been set up in the jail. The Legal Aid Panel advocates are visiting the jail at the scheduled intervals. During jail visit five inmates requested for taking further necessary action in their matters.

State to have more permanent lok adalats

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लोक अदालत में 1893 केसों का मौके पर निपटान

Judge inspects lok adalat

KARNAL: Punjab and Haryana high court judge Justice SK Mittal inspected the working of the mega lok adalat in Karnal on Saturday.

Justice Mittal, who is also the chairman of the Haryana State Legal Aid Council, said the lok adalats would lay special emphasis on complaints relating to the electricity department, HUDA and BSNL.

In a statement released here, Justice Mittal directed the officials of the three departments to improve their working and redress the disputes at the office level only.

He said that the growing number of cases showed that people had faith in the concept of lok adalats, where cases were settled early and at low legal costs.

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HARYANA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

Lok Adalat attended by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K. Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court held at Karnal on 24.9.2011

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh attended scheduled Lok Adalat and Special Mahila Parivarik Lok Adalat held in District Courts Complex, Karnal on 24.9.2011. His Lordship visited Lok Adalat Benches.

In the above said Lok Adalat, 3442 cases were taken up, out of which, 1893 cases have been settled.

Category	Number of cases settled	Compensation awarded Decreed Amount
MACT	41	65,84,000-00
HMA	31	
Civil Appeal	04	
Civil Cases	188	
Summary	752	84,580-00
Execution	15	
Crl. Appeal	01	
Bank Loan	48	2,80,000-00
Mutation	405	
Criminal Cases	122	41,150-00
138 NI Act	236	
M.C. Act	05	
Revenue/BSNL	45	90,000-00
TOTAL	**1893**	**70,79,730-00**

Note:- ***Out of 1893 cases disposed off in the Lok Adalat, 46 cases pertain to Action Plan for the year 2011 prepared as per order of Hon'ble High Court, as intimated by CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Karnal***

His Lordship also had press conference with correspondents of TV Channels and Newspapers. His Lordship informed that parameters are not the number of cases settled in Lok Adalats. Rather, emphasis is that how many people reposed faith by attending Lok Adalats for early resolution of their disputes. His Lordship further told that public should be aware of their rights. Disputes are to be sorted out in Lok Adalats. Cases are settled amicably and by mutual consent of both parties. His Lordship laid stress on the point that attitude is to be changed by all in Lok Adalats either he is Judge or Lawyer or any other officer. His Lordship informed that Permanent Lok Adalats for specified Public Utility Services such as Transport Service, Road, Water, Postal, Telegraph, Telephone Service, Supply of Power, Light, Water to the Public, Public Conservancy, Sanitation, Service in Hospital, Dispensary, Insurance Service, Housing and Estates and Banking and Financial were already working in 4 districts i.e. Gurgaon, Ambala, Panchkula and Rohtak in Haryana, whereas such Lok Adalats will soon start functioning in 2 more districts namely Faridabad and Hissar. His Lordship further told that Government was being requested to notify 8 more districts to start Permanent Lok Adalats for Public Utility Services.

Meetings with Panel Advocates of District Legal Services Authority Karnal

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court held a meeting of Empanelled Advocates of District Legal Services Authority Karnal in the conference Hall of District Courts, Karnal on 24.9.2011 at 2.00 PM in the presence of Smt. Raj Rahul Garg, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Karnal, Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA and Sh. Rajan Walia, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Karnal. Eighteen empanelled advocates of District Legal Services Authority attended the meeting.

His Lordship addressed the gathering and apprised them on the subjects included in the list of topics to be addressed in Legal Literacy and Awareness Camps, Prosecution Counsel Scheme etc. Panel advocates were asked to make all efforts for creating public awareness regarding various Acts. They were advised to perform their duties with dedication and sincerity and to work hard and create awareness in public about their legal rights and duties. They were requested to provide feedback for the purposes of improving Legal Services Schemes. His Lordship has also directed the District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman and CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Karnal to assign duty to two advocates (One male and one female) retainers in the Front Office so that lady litigants may also tell their grievances to lady advocate without any hesitation. It was also directed that the Front Office may not remain without any advocate even for a single minute during court hours. It was also directed that letter may be issued to the Panchayat Secretary of Gram Panchayats to remain present while panel advocates visit the village for holding Legal Aid Camps etc.

Meeting with Para-Legal Volunteers:-

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High court held a meeting of Para-Legal Volunteers of District Legal Services Authority of Karnal in the Conference Hall of District Courts Complex, Karnal on 24.9.2011 at 2.30 PM in the presence of Smt. Raj Rahul Garg, District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Karnal, Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA and Sh. Rajan Walia, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Karnal. Twenty one Para-legal Volunteers attended the meeting. His Lordship told the Para-Legal Volunteers about the importance of their role in the entire scheme and that they are the ears and eyes of the legal services institutions, inasmuch as they have to act as a bridge between common people and the legal services institutions. His Lordship directed to prepare small identity cards for Para-Legal Volunteers.

His Lordship also directed to prepare pamphlets in simple language for distribution by Para-Legal Volunteers amongst people.

The Member Secretary told Para-Legal Volunteers about their duties in detail in Hindi language. They were also told not to break the families but to unite them by counseling and conciliation. They were told that an honorarium of Rs.250/- per day shall be paid to all Para-Legal Volunteers engaged for specific works like going to the remote villages, distribution of legal literacy materials, attending the legal aid clinics and 'front offices' of the Legal Services Institutions.

Visit to Rehabilitation Centre, Old Age Home and Anathalya Aashram at Karnal.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mittal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court visited Tapan Rehabilitation Centre (Viklang shishu Parshikshan Kender) for Mentally disabled Children including deaf and dumb, situated opposite Rajput Dharamshala, Sant Nagar, Railway Road, Bhagat Labha Mal Old Age Home, Nirmal Dham, Model Town & Shardhanand Anathalya, Opposite Karan Tal, Sadar Bazar, Karnal in the presence of Dr. (Mrs. Sujata), Director of Tapan Rehabilitation Centre, Sh. Hargobind Khurana, Care Taker of Bhagat Labha Mal Old Age Home, Thakur Virender Singh, President of the Trust of Shardhanand Anathalya, Karnal on 24.9.2011. Mrs. Raj Rahul Garg, District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, Karnal, Sh. Deepak Gupta, Member Secretary, HALSA & Mr. Rajan Walia, CJM, DLSA, Karnal & Panel Advocates also accompanied His Lordship. During conversation of His Lordship with the children at Tapan Rehabilitation Centre, no complaint with regard to the service was reported and they were enjoying the facilities being provided by the Institute. The children seemed to be freely interacting and did not seem to be under fear of any kind.

Dr. (Mrs.) Sujata, Director disclosed that no grant had been provided to the Institute by the State of Haryana or Government of India to run Kendra since last two years and she is facing so many difficulties in maintaining the said Kendra. She also handed over a letter written to His Lordship seeking recommendation to the State of Haryana and Government of India for releasing of financial grant. She also handed over another letter written to His Lordship regarding the hardships faced by the Institute regarding accommodation and sought recommendation for acquiring land for the purpose of permanent establishment of said Kendra. His Lordship Stayed in Bhagat Labha Mal Old Age Home for about 30 minutes and had conversation with old persons and the Care Taker of the Old Age Home. Bananas were