



## A CRITICAL STUDY OF CHALLENGES OF PARA-LEGAL SERVICES IN INDIA

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### Abstract:-

In present scenario, the Para-Legal Services are having the most specific place in administration of justice for the economic weaker, other disable and vulnerable sections of people to get the justice so the Para-Legal Services are the solution for several problems of above said persons as a panacea but many obstacles, difficulties and hindrances are in existence on the way of implementation of Para-Legal Services hence this research paper has been focused or emphasized on the challenges of Para-Legal Services which reveal the required solution or diagnosis remedies and suggestion or other relevant things with respect to Legal and Para-Legal Services for the delivery of Justice in administration of Justice which is useful, beneficial & helpful for research scholars, students, Professors, teachers, institutions or organizations or establishments, commissions, governments, NGOs, trusts, Colleges, Universities, person individually or group, society and other required persons relating to conduct research & do the needful according to requirements, time & circumstances.

### Introduction:-

The role of Para-Legal Services is as the medical first aid and primary health clinic or centre so paralegal services can be treated as the medical first aid and Legal-Aid clinic as primary health clinic or centre in administration of justice in India. Para-Legal Services are the implementation of Legal-Aid services as a Process. The Para-Legal Services play a vital role as a primary stage or measure or step and also as an initiation in administration of justice to deliver the justice for economic weaker or other disable and vulnerable groups of people but in today's context paralegal services are facing many challenges in India as social, economic, cultural, political, spiritual, psychological, scientific, customs, usages, practices, Human transactions, illiteracy, uneducation,

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accessibility, implementation and other related things but the most important challenge is the implementation of Legal & Para-Legal Services and Laws before the legal and Para-Legal Services authorities committees and administration of Justice. In present scenario due to aforesaid mentioned things many obstacles, hindrances and other similar things are on the path of justice so people or masses are not being able to reach up to the required administration of Justice. The challenges must be removed, resolved and rooted out, from the way of Para-Legal Services and administration of justice as expeditiously as possible for the interest & welfare of ordinary persons or masses.

## The Challenges in Para-Legal Services:-

In present scenario, many challenges are on the path of Para-Legal Services so due to the same Legal & Para-Legal Services are not being conducted & implemented properly as per requirements, necessities, rules, regulations, laws, time & circumstances in the spirit for which the same has been developed and in existence. The main challenges of Para-Legal Services are as under:

1. The implementation of Para-Legal Services is not being done according to needs of economic weaker, other disable and vulnerable sections of people and also Laws.
2. Legal & Para- Legal Services Authorities, Committees and other connected mechanism are not having the required accessibility up to economic weaker, other disable and vulnerable groups of people or masses and the economic weaker, other disable and vulnerable groups of people or masses have also not the required accessibility up to Legal & Para- Legal Services Authorities, Committees and other connected mechanism.
3. The Legal Aid Clinics & Para- Legal Aid Clinics have not been established so far in accordance with rules, regulations and laws in some colleges/Institutions/Universities. It has also been observed and found that the same is functioning only in documents.
4. The established Legal Aid Clinics & Para- Legal Aid Clinics are not functioning properly as per rules, regulations, laws and requirements of the people concerned.
5. The selection of Para-Legal Volunteers (PLVs) has been found as per the scheme for Para-Legal Volunteers (Revised) 2009 of the NALSA and laws related.
6. The trained Para-Legal Volunteers (PLVs) mostly are not available in the Legal Aid Clinics & Para- Legal Aid Clinics.



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7. The honorarium of Para-Legal Volunteers (PLVs) is very insufficient according to instant time & circumstances.
8. The Lawyers/Advocates are not ready for their empanelment due to insufficient honorarium to render the services.
9. The required training is not being imparted to Para-Legal Volunteers timely & according to needs of the economic weaker, other disable and vulnerable groups of people or masses.
10. The responsible, liable & accountable persons/staffs/employees officers and other concerned of the authorities are not going and visiting the rural, slums areas, villages and remote areas for legal literacy, awareness, and the purposes for which the same has been constituted.
11. The schemes/programmes and other connected things are not being implemented in villages, rural, slum areas, labour colonies and etc. also as per laws, requirements, time and circumstances.
12. The Legal Aid Clinics have not been constituted or established in local body institutions like:- Village Panchayat, Mandal or Block Panchayat, Municipality, corporations and etc till now in accordance with Laws.
13. In all aforesaid relations, it appears, is observed and presumed that the administrative control on the Legal Aid Clinics of the competent authorities or officers is very less or little or equal to nothing according to Laws, allied rules and regulations.
14. The required co-ordination of Legal Services Authorities is not found with other Agencies/ Institutions as per the Legal Services Authorities act 1987
15. The required & other related things are also not found as per instant time, circumstances, requirements, necessities, rules, regulations and Laws for the economic weaker, other disable and vulnerable groups of people.

## Remedies & Suggestions:

“The Remedies and Suggestions with regard to protection, preservation, development, promotion, education, research, literacy, respect, honour, Enforcement, implementation, and other required things as per requirements, time and circumstances of Legal-Aid & Para-Legal Services for the interest of world human and living creatures which are as follows:-



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1. Para-Legal Services should be thought in syllabus of LL.B./ B.A.LL.B./ B.B.A.LL.B./ B.Com.LL.B./ Law/ Legal studies etc. compulsorily.
2. The Law/ Legal education system should be varied/alterd, amended and reformed as required by time & circumstances.
3. Law Students as paralegals should be made curious, skilled, trained, efficient, proficient and educated more to more.
4. The Certificates/Diplomas and other related things of Legal-Aid & Para-Legal services should be initiated and developed.
5. Legal-Aid Clinics & Para-Legal Clinics should be established and functioned separately.
6. Legal-Aid & Para-Legal literacy, knowledge and education should be promoted, developed researched more to more at the earliest for the same pamphlets, Newspapers, Magazines, T.V., Radio, Booklets, Hand books, Dairies, Posters and other related things also should be distributed to people or masses for its awareness and accessibility.
7. Awareness, literacy, knowledge Accessibility towards masses or people should also be by electronic means as e-media, social media, social sites etc.
8. The experienced, eligible, proficient, skilled and efficient trainers should be available to train of Paralegals.
9. The system of Legal-Aid & Para-Legal Services clinics and etc. should be reformed, established, reconstituted and amended at the earliest on the grass root level firstly.
10. NALSA/SALSA/DALSA/Legal-Aid Committee, Governments, Departments, Organizations and establishment must take all required necessary steps measures for the same with the co-ordination and help of all above and society collectively.

## **Conclusion:-**

Briefly it can be said that a lot of challenges exist at the levels of the Colleges/Institutions/Universities, Village Panchayat, Mandal or Block Panchayat, Municipality, corporations and etc and Legal Services Authorities/ Committees and other related also. The objectives or purposes of the concept of Legal & Para- Legal Services are not and are not being fulfilled in the spirit of the constitution of India, The Constitutional Law; The Legal services Authorities Act 1987, NALSA's rules, regulations, schemes, and other connected laws with it also.



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After conducting survey, observations, visits and other required also, on perusal of documents, pieces of information and other relevant facts it is conclusion that the conditions of Legal & Para- Legal Services are the worst, the most miserable and anxious in India hence social, economic, political, cultural, scientific, customs, usages, traditions, practice, human transactions, with it illiteracy, uneducation, legal awareness, implementation of laws, schemes, programmes, the accessibility up to people of Legal system and other relevant things are the challenges, challenging things as the most rigorous, difficulties, obstacles, hindrances in Legal & Para- Legal Services. The prevention, reformation, alteration, amendments, changes, solutions, resolutions, remedies and removals of all heretofore mentioned things will able to possible collectively with help, efforts, co-ordination and co-operation of the authorities, the committees, officers, clinics, governments, society, persons to come true the dream of welfare, democratic, secular state, justice and humanity for the interest of people.