QUESTIONNAIRE

Madam/Sir,

As you know India is a vast country and there is no denying the fact that good percentage of people of this country live below poverty line. It has been said that poverty is the omnipresent reality of Indian life. The justice delivery system is far from the reach of the poor and downtrodden. Therefore the concept of Legal Aid emerged as an instrument through which, the poor, exploited and weakers sections of the society can be able to access the justice and can participate in the judicial process. As long as the poor exists in our country, legal aid shall be necessary if human rights has got any meaning in our democratic set up. In this backdrop, I have undertaken the present study to evaluate the possible impact and effectiveness of the administration of justice to the weaker sections in our State. Since, you are all aware of the present state of affairs, I consider your opinion very valuable for my research work. Hence, I request you to kindly go through the questionnaire and indicate your response as prescribed. I assure you, all kinds of confidentiality will be maintained regarding your response and these will be used only for academic purpose. Your kind co-operation and participation will oblige the researcher.

Thanking you.

Yours Sincerely

Principal
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1. Name (optional) : 
2. Age (in years) : 
3. Sex: M/F : 
4. Educational Qualification (Please specify) : (i) Upto Matriculation (ii) Graduation (iii) Post-Graduation (iv) Research Degree 
5. Occupation (Please specify) : (i) Legal Professional (ii) Teacher (iii) Law Student (iv) Social Activist (v) Journalist (vi) Daily Worker (vii) Shopkeeper (viii) Housewife (ix) Unemployed Youth (x) Retired Govt. Servant
Part - II

AWARENESS ON LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Please tick (✓)

1. In your opinion right to legal assistance and advice is -
   (i) Natural right
   (ii) Fundamental Rights as enshrined in our constitution
   (iii) Those rights which are inherent in the nature and part of our social life.

2. What is the fundamental characteristic of Legal Aid?
   (i) It is Universal in nature.
   (ii) It applies to all persons.
   (iii) It provides a sense of freedom.
   (iv) It helps in boosting the confidence of a person.
   (v) Do not know.

3. What happens if Legal Aid is denied to a person?
   (i) Its denial creates deep individual suffering.
   (ii) It creates social imbalance.
   (iii) It perpetuates conflict among various sections of the society.
Part - III

OPINION ON PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF LEGAL AID

Please tick (✓)

1. How do you evaluate the role of judiciary on the protection and promotion of Legal Aid in India?
   (i) Highly effective.
   (ii) Effective to some extent.
   (iii) Not effective.
   (iv) Do not know.

2. Do you think that Legislature is really interested on the promotion and protection of Legal Aid in India?
   (i) Yes.
   (ii) No.
   (iii) Do not know.

3. How do you evaluate the role of the Executive on the promotion and protection of Legal Aid in India?
   (i) Very encouraging.
   (ii) Encouraging to some extent.
   (iii) Discouraging.
   (iv) Callous.
   (v) Do not know.
4. As an individual are you interested on the promotion and protection of Legal Aid in India?
   (i) Yes.
   (ii) No.
   (iii) Do not know.

5. What is your reaction on being denied/unable to get access to justice?
   (i) Indifference.
   (ii) Sympathy to the victim.
   (iii) Readiness to take legal action against the violator.
   (iv) Anger.
   (v) Helplessness and powerless.
Part - IV
OPINION ON THE FUTURE OF LEGAL AID

Please tick (√)

1. In your opinion who are the persons mostly responsible for denial of access to justice?
   (i) Politicians in power.
   (ii) Legal Practitioners.
   (iii) Administrative Officials.
   (iv) Voluntary organisations.

2. What is your suggestion for better performance of legal assistance?
   (i) People Must have access to the court.
   (ii) Free Legal Aid.
   (iii) Compensation to the victims.
   (iv) Educational Institutions.

3. In your opinion, legal aid can be protected and promoted in India by -
   (i) Creating Awareness among people.
   (ii) Filling Public Interest Litigation.
   (iii) Free Legal Aid.
   (iv) By preparing comprehensive Action Plan.
   (v) Approaching the Legal Services Authority.
4. How do you visualise the future of Legal Aid in India?
   (i) Bright
   (ii) Better than today
   (iii) As it is at present
   (iv) Depressing
   (v) No Answer

5. In your opinion who deserves the legal assistance the most in India?
   (i) Children
   (ii) Women
   (iii) The Scheduled Castes
   (iv) The Scheduled Tribes
   (v) Poor
   (vi) Everyone