MEGA LEGAL AWARENESS AND PUBLIC WELFARE CAMP

Introduction:-

Central and State Governments have framed various schemes for welfare of weaker and marginalized sections of society but for illiteracy and lack of awareness, the benefits of these schemes are not reaching to the eligible persons. In this scenario, Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority has launched ‘Mega Legal Awareness and Public Welfare Camp Scheme’ with the object to organize legal literacy camps to spread legal awareness and at the same time, with the help of concerned Govt. Departments, legal service institutions facilitate the benefits of various welfare schemes to the needy and deserving persons.

The main objectives of camp:-

The main objectives of the Mega Legal Awareness and Public Welfare Camp are as follows:-

1. To spread legal awareness.
2. To make common man aware of public welfare schemes, particularly those meant for weaker and marginalized sections of the society.
3. To facilitate the benefits of various welfare schemes of the Centre and the State to the needy and deserving persons.

Practical Implementation of Scheme:-

In this scheme, DLSA Chairman and District Collector select a Village Panchayat or Panchayat Samiti and fix the venue and date of camp. Almost three months time is taken for preparation. All the concerned departments are instructed to ensure that no person entitled of getting benefit of social welfare schemes is left out. Panchayat Secretary, Patwari and local Para Legal Volunteer make survey of the concerned villages and identify the eligible and needy persons related to various Government Public Welfare Schemes. They procure applications from them and also assist them in fulfilment of required formalities. During the camp, besides spreading legal awareness, public at large is also made aware of the welfare schemes.
Most of the benefits are given during the preparation of camp and rest of the benefits are given in the camp itself. If some persons are left out for want of the formalities, concerned govt. officers ensure that the benefits are given in due course of time.

**Major Welfare schemes Covered:-**

During the preparation and organisation of Mega Legal Awareness and Public Welfare Scheme Camps many benefits are provided to the needy and deserving person. For example, distribution of tricycle, wheelchair, Jaipur foot & other benefits to specially disabled persons, pensions and other benefits to senior citizens, Widow Pension Scheme, Maharana Pratap Scheme to provide houses to Gadia Luhars, Palanhar Scheme, benefit to labourers, benefit to SC/ST, benefit to children, etc., activities are conducted by the Chairman of Legal Services Institution with the help of administration and different Government Departments.

**Other Schemes:-**

In addition to the above mentioned schemes, many other benefits are also facilitated to the weaker, marginalised sections of the society, needy and deserving persons of the Society such as Soil Health Card, Grant for Sapling Protection, Issuance of Patta (Lease), Grants for Toilets, Disabled Pass, Urban Pension, Urban Ration Card, Revenue Certificates, Assistance Scheme, Disability Certificate, Public Hearing, Birth/Death Certificate, Sanitation Scheme, Bhamashah Card, Scholarship for Children under Building and other Construction Workers Act, 1996, Devnarayan Scooty Scheme, Check Distribution of Inspired Award, Various Schemes of CHC/PHC, JSSK Scheme, Subh Laxmi Scheme, Benefits under Family Welfare Sterilization, Pure Ghee Scheme to BPL Family on first delivery, Atal Pension Scheme, Adhar Card, Revenue Record Correction, Partition, Mutation, Prime Minister Insurance Scheme, Chief Minister Relief Fund, Escort Allowance, Transport Allowance, Short Term Agriculture Loan, Grant on Hailstorm, Electricity in every House Scheme, Swacchh Bharat Mission, Indira Housing Scheme, Rajeev Gandhi Krishak Sathi Scheme, 2009 etc.

**Achievements of Mega Legal and Public Welfare Camps:-**

This scheme was started in the month of June, 2015. Since its inception, more than 38 lacs persons have been benefitted by 89 welfare camps. From January, 2016 to March, 2016, 18 such camps have been organised benefitting more than 15 lacs persons.