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LECTURE 34: State and District Legal Service Authority

Members of State Legal Services Authority:

- 1. Chief justice of the High court as the patron-in-chief.
- 2. A judge of the High Court nominated by the governor as the executive chairman.
- 3. Other members nominated by the state government in consultation with Chief Justice of High Court.

Members of High Court Legal Services Committee:

- 1. Judge of High Court as its chairman.
- 2. Other members are prescribed by the state authority and nominated by the Chief Justice of the High Court.

Functions of State Legal Services Authority:

The state authority has the responsibility to give effect to the directions issued by the Central authority. It provides legal services like the central authority and also conducts Lok Adalats. Besides this the authority also has other functions as follow:

- 1. Give legal services to persons who satisfy the criteria under the act.
- 2. Conduct Lok Adalats for all types of cases
- 3. Undertake preventive and strategic Legal Aid programs.
- 4. Perform other functions as notified by the central authority to the state authority from time to time.

District Legal Services Authority

Member of the DLSA- District Judge as its chairman, other members nominated by the state government in consultation with the Chief Justice of High court. Every district authority has to give effect to such directions that are issued to it by the State authority, it also has to take cognizance of the directions that are given by the state authority.

The district authority has the following functions that it needs to perform

- 1. Coordinate the activities of the Taluk Legal Services Committee and other legal services in the District.
- 2. Organized Lok Adalats within the District.
- 3. Perform such other functions as the State Authority may fix by regulations.

Taluk Legal services committee

Section 11A and 11B of the Legal services authorities act deals with the Taluk Legal services committee. The state authority shall constitute a committee for every Taluk which may be referred to as the Taluk Legal services committee.

The committee shall consist of a Senior Civil Judge operating within the limits as an ex-officio Chairman, and other such members prescribed and nominated by the state government in consultation with the chief justice of High Court.

Power to constitute Lok Adalats

Every central, state, district, or taluk committee may organize Lok Adalats from time to time. A case may be referred to the Lok Adalat if any of the parties thereof makes an application to the court for referring the case to a Lok Adalat.