

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DISTRICT LEGAL EMPOWERMENT
COMMITTEE
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2024**

Date: 20.03.2024
Time: 12:00 Noon
Venue: Chamber of Hon'ble the District & Sessions Judge, Mansehra.

Attendees:

- i. Mr. Zia-ur-Rehman, District & Sessions Judge, Mansehra. (Chairman)
- ii. Mr. Aftab Javed, Senior Civil Judge (Admn), Mansehra.
- iii. Ms. Qurat ul Ain, Assistant Commissioner, on behalf of Deputy Commissioner.
- iv. Mr. Najam Hussain Abbasi, Superintendent District Jail, Mansehra.
- v. Mr. Azhar Sajjad, advocate General Secretary, District Bar Association, Mansehra.
- vi. Ms. Madeha Nazish, Incharge Darul-Aman, Mansehra.

Members

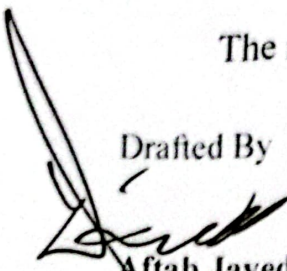
1. The Chair welcomed the participants. The minutes of previous meeting were reviewed. The President, District Bar Association, Mansehra was supposed to submit a list of advocates for providing free of cost / pro bono services to nine (09) applicants confined in jail but same could not be provided. The chair desired that the same may be submitted within a week time.
2. The monitoring committee comprising Mr. Azhar Sajjad advocate and Mr. Aftab Javed, Senior Civil Judge(Admn), Mansehra submitted its report regarding appearance of advocates in all those cases wherein services of advocates have been hired through District Legal Empowerment Committee. The chair observed that the report is random and concomitantly insisted that a comprehensive report regarding all sixty-one (61) cases may be presented in the next meeting. He further said that the committee may monitor such cases by checking attendance of advocates concerned through e- case perusal.
3. The jail superintendent brought into the notice of chair that eight (08) new cases have been entrusted to the advocates who have consented to conduct

proceedings free of cost. He further mentioned that proceedings in cases of seventy-five (75) inmates are conducted by pro bono counsel. The chair praised the efforts of bar.

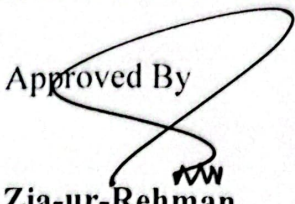
4. During the meeting one new applicant namely Khizar Pasha s/o Ghulam Nabi submitted an application for providing an advocate through this forum after getting awareness through a pamphlet / placard. He was apprised that his application will be marked to the Assistant Commissioner, Mansehra for scrutiny and verification of antecedents.
5. The chair apprised the house that a sum of Rupees four hundred thousand have been released for District Legal Empowerment Committee by Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad.
6. The chair appreciated the efforts of pro bono lawyers. The chair directed the Senior Civil Judge (Admn) to arrange an orientation session on importance of Free Legal Aid (which ensures that everyone regardless of their financial status can seek and receive fair representation and assistance) in consultation with the District Bar, to sensitize the members of the Bar.

The meeting ended with votes of thanks to and from the Chair.

Drafted By


Aftab Javed
Senior Civil Judge(Admn)
Mansehra

Approved By


Zia-ur-Rehman
District & Sessions Judge,
Mansehra

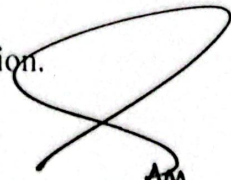
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District & Sessions Judge,
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