

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DISTRICT LEGAL EMPOWERMENT  
COMMITTEE**

**FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2024**

**Date:** 20.02.2024  
**Time:** 1:30PM  
**Venue:** Chamber of Hon'ble 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. Mr. Sajid Amin, Judicial Magistrate-I, Mansehra.
- iv. Ms. Qurat ul Ain, Assistant Commissioner, on behalf of Deputy Commissioner.
- v. Mr. Najam Hussain Abbasi, Superintendent District Jail, Mansehra.
- vi. Mr. Rafique Yousaf, President District Bar Association, Mansehra.
- vii. Mr. Jawad-al-Faizi, Chief Executive Officer, Saiban Development, Organization.
- viii. Ms. Madeha Nazish, Incharge Darul-Aman, Mansehra.

Members

1. The Chair welcomed the participants. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. A fleeting glance on recorded chronicles depicts that the list of the learned advocates on panel for hiring services by the committee has been furnished.

The furnished list provides the following break up;

No of Lawyers			Station		Category		
Male	Female	Total	Balakot	Mansehra	Civil	Criminal	Family
61	14	75	10	65	25	25	25

2. The Chair asked the house as to whether they approve of the list of the advocates? to which all the participants nodded. The services of the advocates will be hired through available funds with the committee.
3. The President District Bar Association, Mansehra informed the house that many advocates have consented to provide their services as probono / free of cost in response to a request made by the Jail Superintendent, Mansehra for nine (09) applicants. The President will submit a list within three days in this respect.

4. The total funds available with the District Legal Empowerment Committee was Rs.800,000/- out of which Rs. 767,250/- have been utilized by extending free legal aid to 61 (sixty-one) needy applicants. At present Rs.32,750/- is available balance with the District Legal Empowerment Committee, Mansehra.
5. Monitoring report regarding cases referred by the Committee was supposed to be provided by General Secretary of the Bar but he is not available today to apprise the house. The Chairman desired that the General Secretary, District Bar Association and Senior Civil Judge(Admn), Mansehra shall monitor the work pertaining to the cases and advocates concerned by devising their own strategy for interviewing litigants etc, and in this context a fresh progress report is to be submitted in the next meeting. Simultaneously, courts are required to maintain record and provide data, he added. The House lauded the efforts of President, District Bar Association and all those lawyers who have consented to provide free of cost Services. The house was informed that in the year, 2023 due to insufficient funds with District Legal Empowerment Committee, free of cost services of counsel were provided to fifty (50) needy applicants.
6. Request for funds has been forwarded to Law & Justice Commission of Pakistan vide letter No. 5326/D&SJ/(MA) dated 05.06.2023.
7. Regarding dissemination of information the participants were urged to play their role and President was requested to educate the general public and provide awareness through print and Electronic Media.

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



**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, MANSEHRA**

No. 1290-99

Dated: 23 / 02 /2024

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**District & Sessions Judge,  
Mansehra.**