"LEGAL AID: FILING APPLICATIONS UNDER THE R.T.I. ACT"

(Report on the event conducted in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, 26th June, 2016)

Abstract: The task was accomplished by a volunteer from the Legal Aid Centre, S.L.S. Noida. Initially, people were informed about the task, they were explained about the provisions of the R.T.I. Act, 2005 and the procedure for filing an R.T.I. Application. Then their information was collected and then an application was filed on their behalf. The task was performed in Jodhpur and the applicants were from Jodhpur, Mumbai, New Delhi and Lucknow.

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1. Concept Note:

The Legal Aid Cell at Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA has carved a niche for itself in just a couple of years. In May and June, the para-legal volunteers filed numerous RTI applications on various subjects. The purpose behind the task was to make people aware about the RTI Act, 2005 and process of filing RTI applications. We, students of the college and para-legal volunteers carried out this task in various parts of the country. The RTIs were filed on various subjects, ranging from questioning the work of the government or objective behind a scheme, etc. There are many questions which people have in their mind and want to ask the government as they are tax payers and as India is a democratic country. The concept of RTI has made people able, who were earlier paralleled in questioning the government and the governing bodies.

2. Objective:

- The primary objective of the task was to make people aware about the RTI Act, 2005 and
 the provisions laid down to empower people. RTI is an instrumental tool for providing
 information to people and making the governing system and people transparent towards
 the people.
- The people were made aware about the process for filing RTI applications. RTI applications
 were filed on their behalf on various aspects. Their queries were responded to, in respect to
 procedure and fee.
- The most important aim was to make the people empower and question the administrating and governing bodies, as it is a democratic country and the people have the right to be informed.

3. Preliminary Preparations:

Few preparations had to be made before the event was conducted,

- Before conducting the event,
- Go through the RTI Act, 2005.
- Be thorough with procedure of filing offline and online RTIs.

4. Conducting the Program:

The task was completed in Jodhpur, Mumbai, Delhi and Lucknow. The volunteer met various people, asked them whether they know about RTI and whether they want to file any RTI. Convincing the people, to get one filed and pursuing them till they get an RTI filed. Going to them and then filing it or collecting their information and filing it on their behalf.

5. Response of the Target Population

The people were initially very sceptical regarding filing an application. They had to be pursued continued. It was very difficult. They were not willing to file the application. When asked, what they want to get filed, their response was you do it, anything you want. But then they were made to understand the importance of it and then they agreed to get an application filed on their behalf.

6. Future Plan of Action

The future plan of this task is to wait for the responses, keep a track of the applications. Then file appeals, if required. Or file another application, in case the applicant wants.

7. Suggestions/Feedback:

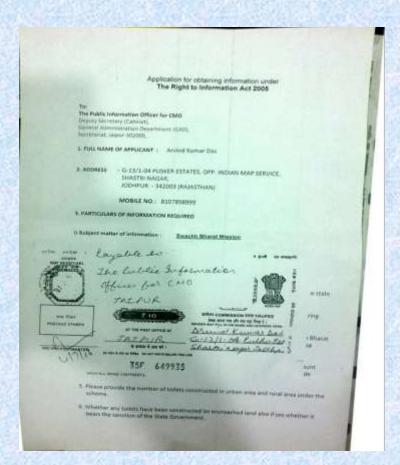
Various ways in which the program could be better conducted in future are as follows:-

- No. of Volunteers- The number of volunteers for the program should be definitely more at one place, because if there are more helping hands, then the objective could be better.
- Convincing people to file RTI applications.

8. Conclusion/Remarks:

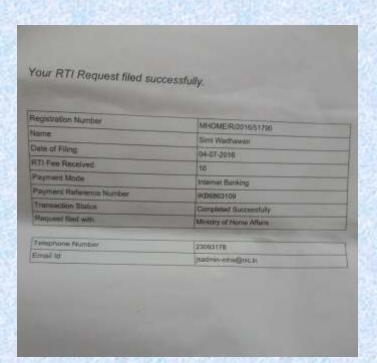
Overall this was the great learning experience as a para-legal volunteer. It provided me with an opportunity to go out and explore the ground realities which are very needed and useful for every law student. It helped in acclimatizing the volunteer to the problems faced by the masses who were ignorant of their 'rights' and remedies under the law. It made the volunteer aware of what people think of the government and the schemes formulated by them. It made the volunteer get to know that the people are really concerned about administration in the city and the nation.

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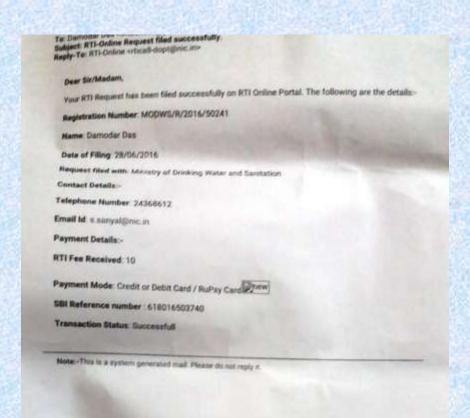
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