





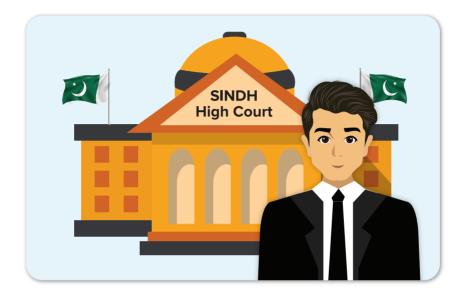
Legal Aid



Qasim: Hello Dear! What is your name why are you here in prison?

Asif: My name is Asif. I have not committed any crime! I was just on my way home when two policemen stopped me and searched me. Despite finding nothing illegal on me, they asked me for a bribe to let me go but I refused their demand and this is why I have ended up here in prison on false charges! They have made a case of robbery against me and I am just a poor common man with no means to get out of here now. My friend, I am a daily wage laborer, I don't have enough money to pay the fees of a private advocate.





Qasim: Don't worry you can avail the services of a qualified and experienced defense lawyer provided by the Government of Sindh.

As far as I know, it is your fundamental right to get an advocate for representation. Government of Sindh has constituted a Committee for the Welfare of prisoners (Legal Aid Office) with this special mandate to provide legal aid to the prisoners who don't have financial means to hire an advocate.

Asif: That's great! Can you tell me more? How can I get connected with them?



Qasim: There are multiple ways to reach out to these lawyers. Their representatives often visit the prison to interview new admissions / un-sentenced prisoners. you can reach them on their day of visit, they will conduct your interview and file your Vakalatnama in the court. You can also contact the Prison Superintendent on this matter.

Asif: But.... I am afraid, if they're offering all this services without penny, will they fight my case with required seriousness?

Qasim: Of course, they're trustworthy and reliable as they've already fought many cases of thousands of people like you and brought them justice. You can also seek legal advice through the Government of Sindh's Legal Advisory Helpline 0800-70806.

Asif: Are there any charges of that process?

Qasim: No, that is absolutely free of cost, 9 am to 5 pm a lawyer will pick up otherwise there is a voice recording option so try to call before 5 pm.





Asif: Thank you Qasim! You've resolved my problem and got me out of terrible mental anguish will wait for the Committee for Welfare of Prisoner's team of lawyers and approach them with my concerns.



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