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To,

Hon'ble President/Secretary

Punjab & Haryana High Court Bar Association,

CHANDIGARH

Subject:- Request for setting up "Middle Income Group Legal Aid Society" for High Court cases.

Sir,

With the object of widening the horizons of justice to the common man, I may submit following suggestions for examining their feasibility by our esteemed Bar Association in its Executive Committee:-

1. That it must be in your kind notice that a Committee called "Supreme Court Middle Income Group Legal Aid Society" is functioning in the Supreme Court, which provides legal aid to the middle income group litigants. As per the documents available with me, a case normally works out in the Hon'ble Supreme Court, including final hearing and including the charges of Advocate, within Rs. 20,000-25,000/-, if prosecuted through the above society. I am enclosing a true copy of said scheme as **Annexure-1** with this request letter.

2. That I am also enclosing herewith a copy of the scheme recently set up in one of the High Courts under the caption "Jharkhand High Court Middle Income Group Legal Aid Society", as **Annexure-2** with the instant request letter. The Hon'ble Chief Justice of High Court of Jharkhand is the Patron-in-Chief of this Society. The schedule of fee for Advocates appearing on behalf of such middle income litigants has been described in the schedule attached with the scheme. It appears that entire case from admission stage till final disposal stage in the Jharkhand High Court works out between Rs. 15,000-20,000/-. Thus, such a society is beneficial to budding advocates also.

3. That similar Societies are also formed in various High Courts, including the Allahabad High Court. Funds can be donated by eminent advocates as well as the Punjab Government towards the corpus of such a society.

I would therefore humbly request your good self to kindly consider the feasibility of setting up such “Middle Income Group Legal Aid Society” in our High Court also, so that the litigants belonging to the middle income group may also get legal aid at reasonable rates, which is obviously the goal of the legal system in our country.

With highest regards.

Yours Sincerely,

(H. C. ARORA)

ADVOCATE

NOTE; As a gesture of my bona fides, I hereby undertake to donate a humble contribution of Rs.1,00,000/- (One Lakh) towards the corpus of such a society, if my aforesaid suggestion is found feasible by our esteemed Bar Association