

III. LAW DEPARTMENT.

PART I

1. Drafting, settlement and publication of Bills and Acts, and the settlement of statutory notifications, rules and bye-laws etc.
2. Advice to all Departments on the technical aspects of the proposed legislation and application of the Constitution of India as well as advice on other legal matters.
3. Codification, consolidation and technical amendment of State Legislation.
4. Taking necessary measures for switching over to official languages of the State in the sphere of legislation which include:-
 - (a) publishing the Bengali and Nepali translations of Central laws as authorized translations after authentication by the President under the Authoritative Texts (Central Laws) Act, 1973 (50 of 1973);
 - (b) publishing the Bengali and Nepali translations of State laws as authoritative texts of such laws in such languages after authentication by the Governor as provided by the West Bengal Official Language Act, 1961 (West Ben. Act XXIV of 1961);
 - (c) translations of all Bills, Acts, Central Laws and State Laws in the Official language of the State.
5. Attendance at meetings of Select Committees, and Standing Committees on Bills and the Legislative Assembly when called for.
6. Examination of Bills as passed by the Legislature and submission of report in regard to the grant of Governor's assent to, or the return to the Legislature for further consideration of, any such Bill or in regard to the necessity of reserving the same for the consideration of the President.
7. Settlement of statutory notifications, rules, orders, regulations and bye-laws etc.
8. Publication, printing and translation, when necessary, of Central and State Acts, Bills and Ordinances and the compilation, printing and distribution of certain periodical publications.
9. Broad Personnel Policy and Planning and Career Management of the West Bengal Legal Service.
10. Determination of the Principles of recruitment, conditions of service including deputation and discipline of the members of West Bengal Legal Service.
11. Control and Management of the West Bengal Legal Service.
12. Training of the Member of the West Bengal Legal Service in Legislative drafting and Legal Affairs.

13. Liaison with State and All India Training Institutes and the Government of India in the matters of training of members of the West Bengal Legal Service.
14. Registration of marriages.
15. Appointment of Notaries.
16. All matters connected with the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences.

PART II

1. State public services with which the Department is concerned (entry 41 of List II).
2. Offences against laws with respect to any of the matters in List II with which the department is concerned (entry 64 of List II).
3. Fees in respect of any of the matters in List II with which the department is concerned, but not including fees taken in any Court (entry 66 of List II).
4. *Marriage and divorce; infants and minors; adoption, wills, intestacy and succession; joint family and partition; all matters in respect of which parties in judicial proceedings were immediately before the commencement of the Constitution subject to their personal law (entry 5 of List III).*
5. *Evidence and oaths; recognition of Laws, public acts and records with which the Department is concerned (entry 12 of List III).*
6. *Legal and other professions with which the department is concerned (entry 26 of List III).*
7. *Inquiries and statistics for the purposes of any of the matters specified in List II or List III with which the department is concerned (entry 45 of List III).*
8. *Fees in respect of any of the matters in List III with which the department is concerned, but not including fees taken in any Court (entry 47 of List III).*

PART III

1. Union agencies and institutions for –
 - (a) professional, vocational and technical training ; or
 - (b) the promotion of special studies of research;so far as these concern subjects dealt with or services administered by the department (entry 65 if List I).

2. Participation in international conferences, associations and other bodies and implementing decisions made thereat—so far as the department is concerned (entry 13 of List I).

3. To organize programmes for imparting lectures on the subject of Legislation to the representatives of different States, Institutions, Foreign delegates.