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Under the Hindu Minority & Guardianship Act "minor means who has not completed the age of eighteen years."

Natural Guardian

- √ Father is the natural guardian of a minor son and daughter.
- ✓ Mother is the natural guardian only when father is dead or incapable of acting as guardian.
- √ The Act does not recognise the principle of joint guardian.

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Testamentary Guardian

- ✓ Under Sec. 9 of Hindu Minority & Guardianship Act, testamentary guardian can be appointed only by a WILL.
- ✓ Appointee under the WILL becomes a guardian, only in case of absence of both, father and mother, who are natural guardian.
- ✓ If mother (the surviving natural guardian) appoints testamentary guardian, her appointee will become the testamentary guardian. Deceased father's appointment will be ineffective. If mother does not appoint, father's appointee will become guardian.

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Guardianship – Legal Aspects

Guardian appointed by Court (Certified Guardian)

- ✓ Courts are empowered to appoint guardians under the **Guardianship & Wards Act.**
- District Court may appoint or declare any person as the guardian whenever it considers it necessary in the welfare of the child.
- ✓ The District Court has the power to appoint or declare a guardian in respect of separate property or separate functions of the minor.



Guardianship – Legal Aspects

Guardianship Certificate for persons with disabilities

- Under National Trust Act guardian can be appointed for adults with certain disabilities.
- ✓ Local Level Committee (LLC), appoints, monitor or remove a legal guardian.
- ✓ Local Level Committee (LLC) provides Legal Guardianship Certificate in co-ordination with National Trust.

Guardianship – Immovable Assets

Guardians cannot –

- mortgage or charge or transfer by sale, gift, exchange or otherwise any part of the immovable property of the minor.
- lease any part of such property for a term exceeding 5 years or for a term exceeding more than one year beyond the date on which the minor will attain majority.

Exception

The above does not apply to a Testamentary Guardian who can deal in respect of the immovable property of a minor received under a Will where the Testamentary Guardian is appointed.

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