

राष्ट्रीय विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण  
NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY  
(Constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987)

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To

The Member Secretary,  
Bihar State Legal Services Authority,  
Buddha Marg, Opposite Patna Museum,  
PATNA - 800001.

Sub: W.P. (Criminal) No. 129/2005 titled Laxmi vs. Union of India in the  
Supreme Court of India

Dear Shri Om Prakash,

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of order dated 10/04/2015 of the  
Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the above noted case. The Hon'ble Court has  
issued the following directions to the State/District Legal Service Authorities:

- (1) The Member Secretaries of the State Legal Services Authorities shall take up  
the issue for compliance of the directions issued by the Supreme Court in  
Laxmi Vs. Union of India [ (2014) 4 SCC 427] with the respective State  
Governments so that a minimum of Rs. 3 lakh is made available to each victim  
of acid attack.
- (2) The Member Secretary of the State Legal Services Authority shall obtain a  
copy of the Victim Compensation Scheme from the State Government/UT  
Administration and shall give it wide and adequate publicity in the State/Union  
Territory so that each acid attack victim in the States/Union Territories can  
take the benefit of the Victim Compensation Scheme.
- (3) In case any compensation claim is made by any acid attack victim, the matter  
will be taken up by the District Legal Services Authority, through a Board,  
which will include the District Judge and such other co-opted persons who the  
District Judge feels will be of assistance, particularly the District Magistrate,  
the Superintendent of Police and the Civil Surgeon or the Chief Medical  
Officer of that District or their nominee, to function as the Criminal Injuries  
Compensation Board for all purposes.
- (4) The District Legal Services Authority shall ensure that due publicity is given to  
the observations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court that the private hospitals  
should provide full treatment to the victims of acid attack including medicines,  
food, bedding and reconstructive surgeries and the obligation of the hospital,  
where the victim of an acid attack is first treated, to issue a certificate that the  
individual is a victim of an acid attack, so that such certificate can be used for

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treatment and reconstructive surgeries or any other scheme that the victim  
may be entitled to with the State Government or the Union Territory, as the  
case may be.

- (5) The Member Secretary of the State Legal Services Authority will ensure that  
the order dated 10/04/2015 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India is  
forwarded to the Secretary of each District Legal Services Authority who will  
ensure that due publicity is given to the order of the Hon'ble Court.

2. You are requested to take necessary steps for compliance of the directions  
given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the aforesaid matter.

3. You are also requested to ensure that wide publicity of the Victim  
Compensation Scheme and orders dated 10.04.2015 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court  
of India in your State/UT is given as an ongoing exercise so that the victims can avail  
compensation under Section 357A and treatment under Section 357C of the Cr.P.C.,  
1973. A compliance report may be sent to this Authority to facilitate submission of  
compliance report to the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(Asha Menon)