

ITEM NO.20

COURT NO.1

SECTION PIL-W

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1252/2023

ACID SURVIVORS SAAHAS FOUNDATION (NGO)

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 108821/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. and IA No. 87474/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 20-03-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
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UPON hearing the counsel, the Court made the following
O R D E R

Counter affidavit filed by the Union Territory of Chandigarh, though not a party, is taken on record.

The Union of India and some States/Union Territories have not filed their counter affidavit/reply.

Let the counter affidavit/reply be filed by all of them within four weeks from today.

List before the Registrar's Court for completion of pleadings/filing of counter/rejoinder affidavit in the week commencing 05.05.2025.

The petitioner-foundation and/or the acid attack victims will be at liberty to approach the concerned State/District Legal Services Authority/Legal Services Committee in case there is any default or delay in payment of compensation to the acid attack victims.

The concerned State/District Legal Services Authority/Legal Services Committee will maintain a chart/records indicating the names and details of the victims of acid attack; the dates when the applications seeking compensation were filed on their behalf; and the dates when the compensation was actually paid. Any default or delay in payment of compensation will be brought to the notice of this Court for appropriate orders.

The concerned State/District Legal Services Authority/Legal Services Committee shall ensure that the victims of acid attack are attended to in private hospitals also. In case of any issue, they may bring it to the notice of the concerned private hospital and if required, they may approach this Court for appropriate orders.

Re-list before the Court in the week commencing 21.07.2025.

(DEEPAK GUGLANI)
AR-cum-PS

(R.S. NARAYANAN)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR