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## \* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

+ W.P.(C) 5770/2020 & CM APPL. 20843/2020 (interim relief)
SHAHEEN QURESHI ..... Petitioner

Through: Ms. Harini Raghupathy and Ms.

Joicy, Advocates.

versus

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS. ..... Respondents

Through: Ms. Shobhana Takiar, Advocate for

R-1 & R-2.

Mr. Ajay Digpaul, CGSC with Mr. Kamal R. Digpaul, Advocate for R-

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER 28.08.2020

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The hearing was conducted Through: video conferencing.

## CM APPL. 20844/2020 (exemption)

- 1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
- 2. The application stands disposed-off.

## W.P.(C) 5770/2020 & CM APPL. 20843/2020 (interim relief)

3. The petitioner is the unfortunate victim of an acid attack. It is alleged that in the prime of her youth, when she was barely 30 years of age, acid was forcibly administered to her by her drunken husband. The forcibly ingested acid, resulted in extensive damage to her food-pipe

and her small intestines. She has been provided treatment at Apollo Hospital, Sanjay Gandhi Hospital and Lok Nayak Hospital, Delhi. It has been an excruciating 13 months since the assault. She is still battling on a daily basis simply to survive. She has a 7-year-old son to care of. She has no means of income. She has been rendered seriously incapacitated from carrying out any regular work/employment. A life of dependency on others, looms ahead of her. For the moment however, she seeks compensation in terms of the Delhi Victim Compensation Scheme 2018, whereunder she is eligible to receive a certain sum of money from the Delhi Legal Services Authority. The Government of India too has a Scheme for financial assistance to such victims.

- 4. Issue notice. The learned counsel named above accept notice on behalf of respondents no. 1, 2 and 3, and seek time to obtain instructions and to do the needful be done within 2 weeks from today.
- 5. Notice be issued to respondent no. 4 through SMS, WhatsApp, E-mail and such other viable electronic modes, through counsel as well, returnable on 21.9.2020.
- 6. The monies, as may be sanctioned by the aforesaid respondents, shall be disbursed to the petitioner-within 2 weeks, directly into her bank account. The details of which are as under:

Account Holder's	Bank		A/c. No.
Name			
Ms. Shaheen Qureshi	Ujjivan	Small	2208110010032374
	Finance	Bank	
	(Nangloi	Branch),	
	Delhi		

- 7. List on 21.09.2020.
- 8. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith. Copy of the order be also forwarded to the counsels through email.

NAJMI WAZIRI, J

**AUGUST 28, 2020**