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

+ W.P.(C) 5770/2020 &CM APPL. 20843/2020

SHAHEEN QURESHI

..... Petitioner

Through: Ms. Harini Raghupathy and Ms.
Joicy, Advocates.

Versus

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS. Respondents

Through: Ms. ShobhanaTakiar, ASC for R-1 &
R-2.

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

Mr. Sarfaraz Khan, Advocate for R-4.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER

% **21.09.2020**

The hearing was conducted through video conferencing.

1. The learned counsel for the Delhi Legal Services Authority submits that as of 04.09.2020, Rs.3 lakhs have been sanctioned and credited to the account of the petitioner. The same is acknowledged by the learned counsel for the petitioner.
2. In terms of the affidavit filed on behalf of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India and in terms of the Guidelines/Advisory dated 09.11.2016, for relief to acid attack victims under the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF), all applications are to be first filed with the concerned States/Union Territories, which are then to be forwarded in the prescribed format to

the MHA/Central Government for processing. In the present case, the petitioner's application for relief has not yet been forwarded by the Government of NCT of Delhi.

3. The petitioner has suffered extensive damage to her oesophagus and small intestines; she has been treated at various hospitals in Delhi at the expense of GNCTD. She has a proven case of acid injury and ongoing treatment. Her oesophagus has been severely burnt and she underwent extensive medical procedures, including a jejunostomy. In the circumstances, it is expected that the GNCTD will process her application in the next 3 days and forward it to the Ministry of Home Affairs in terms of the guidelines/advisory dated 09.11.2016 apropos financial relief under the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund. The same shall be forwarded also through the learned Standing Counsel for the UoI. It is hoped that the application will be processed by the UOI in 2 weeks and such monies, as may be approved, would be credited to the account of petitioner, immediately thereafter.
4. List on 21.10.2020.
5. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith. Copy of the order be also forwarded to the counsels through e-mail.

NAJMI WAZIRI, J

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020/AB