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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

HOME DEPARTMENT

(G.O. Ms. No. 87, dated 16th December 2013)

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 357-A of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Central Act 2 of 1974), the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry hereby makes the following rules further to amend the "Union territory of Puducherry Victim Assistance Scheme, 2012" for the grant of financial assistance to the acid attack victims who have suffered loss or injury or both as a result of the crime and who requires rehabilitation pursuant

to the directions made in the order, dated 18th July, 2013 passed by the Supreme Court in W.P.(CRL) No. 129 of 2006 between Laxmi Vs. Union of India and Ors, namely:-

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) This scheme may be called the Union territory of Puducherry Victim Assistance (Second Amendment) Scheme, 2013.

(2) It shall come into force on and from the date of publication in the official gazette of the Union territory of Puducherry.

2. *Amendment of paragraph 8.*— In the Union territory of Puducherry Victim Assistance Scheme, 2012 (hereinafter referred to as the said scheme) in paragraph 8, after sub-paragraph (3), the following shall be inserted, namely:-

“(3A) (a) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-paragraph (3) of this paragraph and the Schedule appended thereunder, the acid attack victims shall be paid a minimum compensation of rupees three lakhs as the aftercare and rehabilitation cost through the Member-Secretary of the Union territory of Puducherry Legal Services Authority at Puducherry and out of the above amount of three lakhs rupees, a sum of rupees one lakh shall be paid to such victim within fifteen days of the occurrence of such incident (or being brought to the notice of the Government) to facilitate immediate medical attention and expenses in this regard. The balance amount of rupees two lakhs shall be paid as expeditiously as may be possible and positively within two months thereafter.

(b) The compensation amount determined to be payable to the acid attack victims in pursuance of the preceding sub-paragraph shall be in addition to the amount of compensation paid to such acid attack victims under this sub-paragraph.”

3. In the said scheme, in the Schedule appended thereunder—

(i) serial number 10 and the entries relating thereto shall be deleted;

(ii) after so deleting serial number 10 and its entries, the following note shall be appended below the Schedule, namely:-

“Note:- The quantum of additional financial assistance of any required to the victims of acid attack will be determined by the Committee constituted under sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 8 of this Scheme.”

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

PANKAJ KUMAR JHA,
Additional Secretary to Government.
