

MANODHAIRYA VICTIM COMPENSATION SCHEME
(Guidelines for District Legal Services Authority)

Read: 1. Government of Maharashtra, Government Resolution No- CWD 2020/C.R.165/Desk-2, Dated 1st January, 2024.

2. Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority, Mumbai Notification No. MSLSA/2018/445 dated 22nd February, 2018

Notification No. MSLSA/2026/2666, dated 25th June, 2026

In supersession of even number referred Notification of this Authority, for effective implementation of 'Revised Manodhairya Scheme' (in short 'scheme') following Guidelines are framed.

1. PROCEDURE FOR MAKING APPLICATION BEFORE THE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY: -

An application for the award of interim/final compensation can be filed by the Victims their Dependents or the Station House Officer/Police Station Officer of the area and it shall be submitted in Annexure – I along with a copy of the First Information Report (in short 'FIR'), Medical Report, Death Certificate (in case of death), Statement of victim recorded (if recorded) under Section 183 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (in short 'BNSS')/ Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, as the case may be, copy of Judgment/ recommendation of the Court, if the trial is over to the District Legal Services Authority.

2. PLACE OF FILING OF APPLICATION: -

The application/recommendation for compensation can be moved to the concerned District Committee (in short 'Committee'). The District

Committee in turn can retain, enquire and decide the matters itself. The District Committee may, under the intimation to the Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority, Mumbai (in short 'MSLSA'), call for any application /recommendation moved before any of the District Legal Services Authorities (in short 'DLSA') throughout the State of Maharashtra for disposal.

3. DISTRICT COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED MANODHAIRYA SCHEME: -

- a) The Committee shall be constituted by DLSA in every District. This Committee be called as the District Committee constituted for implementation of Revised Manodhairya Scheme.
- b) The Committee shall have exclusive jurisdiction to deal with applications received under the scheme in that district.
- c) The Committee shall be headed by the Principal District Judge/Chairperson, DLSA as the President and comprise of **SIX** other members namely: -
 - 1. The Commissioner of Police/ Superintendent of Police or their nominee.
 - 2. Resident Deputy Collector / Additional Collector / Senior Officer of Municipal Corporation.
 - 3. The Civil Surgeon or his/her nominee.
 - 4. A woman who has experience in the field of empowerment of women and children nominated by the Chairman/ Chairperson, District Legal Services Authority.
 - 5. District Woman and Child Development Officer.
 - 6. The Secretary of DLSA, who shall be the Member Secretary of the Committee.

4. POWERS OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE: -

1. The Committee shall be the authority to consider the claims and award financial relief in following cases to order such other relief and rehabilitation measures as deemed fit in the circumstances of the case –

(I) Rape:- Matters under Section 375 and 376, 376 (2), 376 (A), 376(B), 376 (C), 376 (D), 376 (E) of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 or punishable under Sections 64, 64(2), 66, 67, 68, 70, 71 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (in short 'BNS').

(II) Child sexual abuse :- Matters under Section 3,4,5,& 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2013 (in short 'POCSO').

(III) (A) Acid Attack:- Matters under Section 326 A , 326 B of Indian Penal Code, 1860 / 124 (1), 124(2) of BNS.

(B) Matters wherein assault has been made by the use of inflammable / explosive substance (Petrol, Diesel, Kerosene, Cooking Gas)

(IV) Minor Girls rescued in police raids :- Victim girls under the age of 18 years who are victims of rape/sexual assault , rescued in police raids under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.

2. The Chairperson of DLSA as the President of the Committee shall exercise the powers conferred upon him under the Bharitya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 / Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 or under any other law by the State/Central Government, for carrying out its functions under the Scheme.

3. For rehabilitation measures the Committee shall co-ordinate with the State Government, as per necessity, as per Government Resolution dated 29th March, 2023 in respect of "Shakti Sadan".

5. FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE: -

Upon the Constitution of the Committee, it shall:

1. Consider the claims and award financial relief/rehabilitation as the case may be in cases of rape, sexual assault in IPC/BNS /POCSO/PITA matters and Acid Attack cases in accordance with the procedure prescribed under the Revised Manodhairya scheme.
2. Monitor the activities for rendering assistance to the rape/acid attack/PITA victims in the form of any legal, medical, psychological or any other form of aid/assistance.
3. Make use of any other scheme(s) for rehabilitation of rape/acid attacks/PITA victims framed by the State or Central Government;
4. Arrange for psychological, medical and legal assistance to the victims;
5. Provide counselling support to the victims;
6. Initiate suitable measures to ensure the protection of the victim and witnesses, till the conclusion of the trial.
7. Periodical review the progress of investigation;
8. Provide support to young and minor victims for education, professional training or training for self-employment;
9. Provide any other assistance for appropriate rehabilitation of the victims;
10. Arrange shelter to the victims, for such period as the circumstances warrant.
11. Perform any other function as may be deemed expedient and necessary given in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case.

6. PROCEDURE FOR MAKING CLAIMS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE:-

1. (a) As soon as an incident of rape/acid attack/PITA is reported and registered, the P.S.O/SHO of the concerned police station, through the SP/DCP, shall forward as provided in the Scheme the copy of the FIR/complaint, medical report and the preliminary investigation report of the IO to the Secretary of the District Committee and District Woman Welfare Officer within the period

of **One hour**, by E-mail or any other mode;

(b) Within 7 days from the date of receipt of the documents, the DLSA shall disburse amount of the ₹30,000/- to the victim as relief for medical treatment of the victim.

(c) A victim or his / her legal heir or any person/N.G.O. espousing the cause of women/Commissions may also apply to the District Committee for financial relief and rehabilitation in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme.

2. Where the applicant is

- i. A child, the application may be made on his/her behalf by a parent, guardian, by any N.G.O., commissions
- ii. A mentally ill person within the meaning of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 or a mentally challenged person, the application may be made by the person with whom the applicant normally resides or a duly authorized medical officer or a N.G.O.

3. The application under clause (2) shall be submitted in the prescribed proforma (Annexure-1) and shall include the copy of the FIR/complaint, Medical report, death certificate in appropriate cases or complaint made to the court in cases where police have not registered the FIR, indicating reasons for non registration of the FIR; Newspaper reports, if any.

4. Upon award of monetary relief by the Committee, the same shall be immediately remitted into the Bank Account as provided in the Government Resolution dated 20/03/2024.

5. The Committee shall obtain, at the time of disbursing compensation, from the Applicant/ Victim/ Dependant, an undertaking in the prescribed Form (Annexure-II).

7. FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED WHILE AWARDING COMPENSATION: -

While deciding the matter, the District Committee may take into consideration following factors relating to the loss or injury suffered by the victim:

- (1) Gravity of the offence and severity of mental or physical harm or injury suffered by the victim;
- (2) Expenditure incurred or likely to be incurred on the medical treatment for physical and/or mental health of the victim, funeral, travelling during investigation/ inquiry/ trial (other than diet money);
- (3) Loss of educational opportunity as a consequence of the offence, including absence from school/college due to mental trauma, bodily injury, medical treatment, investigation and trial of the offence, or any other reason;
- (4) Loss of employment as a result of the offence, including absence from place of employment due to mental trauma, bodily injury, medical treatment, investigation and trial of the offence, or any other reason;
- (5) The relationship of the victim to the offender, if any;
- (6) Whether the abuse was a single isolated incident or whether the abuse took place over a period of time;
- (7) Whether victim became pregnant as a result of the offence;
- (8) Whether the victim contracted a sexually transmitted disease (STD) as a result of the offence;
- (9) Whether the victim contracted human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) as a result of the offence;

- (10) Any disability suffered by the victim as a result of the offence;
- (11) Financial condition of the victim against whom the offence has been committed to determine his/her need for rehabilitation.
- (12) In case of death, the age of deceased, her monthly income, number of dependents, life expectancy, future, prospects etc.
- (13) Any other factor which the District Committee may consider just and sufficient.

8. INTERIM RELIEF AND REHABILITATION: -

- a) Upon receipt of the information from the police under clause 6, the District Committee, may disburse a sum as per the Revised Manodhairya Scheme in favour of the Victim preferably within seven days as interim relief as provided in the Notification dated 1st January, 2024 as far as possible within seven days;
- b) On receipt of the complaint and examination of the victim the board shall on merits of each case examine/determine the nature of rehabilitation measures required to be provided to the victim and initiate appropriate action towards such measures and may incur an expenditure towards rehabilitation of the victim;
- c) Before awarding the interim and other relief's under clause (a) and (b), the Committee shall satisfy itself about the claim, make a preliminary assessment about the nature of the claim as well as take into account the medical report and other evidence;
- d) The Committee may issue appropriate directions for the purposes of the rehabilitation and/or any other special needs of the victim in addition to the financial relief.

9. FINAL RELIEF: -

- (a) Within a period of one month from the date on which the prosecutrix/victim gives her evidence in the criminal trial or within one year from the date of receipt of the application in cases where the

recording of evidence has been unduly delayed for reasons beyond the control of prosecutrix/victim, whichever is earlier, the Committee shall direct disbursal of the balance amount of relief as final instalment;

- (b) In cases where the final relief is awarded before the recording of the evidence of the prosecutrix/victim, the Committee shall give reasons in writing for doing so.
- (c) The Committee shall be guided by the special needs of the victim in deciding the amount of financial relief to be granted in each case;
- (d) The financial relief that is awarded by the Committee is in addition to rehabilitation measures that the Committee may suggest/ administer in each case.
- (e) In cases where the victim is a minor, the amount shall be released as provided in Revised Manodhairya Scheme.
- (f) The Committee shall keep in mind the best interests of the victim all the time;

10. REJECTION OF THE CLAIMS: -

The Committee may reject any application where it is of the considered opinion that: -

- (i) The applicant failed to take, without delay, all reasonable steps to inform the police, or other body or person considered by the Committee to be appropriate for the purpose, of the circumstances giving rise to the injury; or
- (ii) The applicant failed to co-operate with the police or Courts in attempting to bring the accused/assailant to justice; or
- (iii) The applicant failed to give all reasonable assistance to the Committee in connection with the application;

- (iv) Where the applicant had previously lodged any claim in respect of the same criminal injury under this scheme for the relief and rehabilitation of the victim of crime and same is decided;
- (v) Where the applicant after having filed the complaint deliberately does not support the prosecution (turned hostile) during the trial.

11. PROCEDURE FOR TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS OF THE COMMITTEE: -

- (i) The Committee may examine the application/ complaint at such time and place as the Committee may determine;
- (ii) Ordinarily, the Committee may on receipt of documents and evidence and on being satisfied that a *prima facie* case is made out, may dispense with hearing of the victim and/or her agent/representative and pass order for interim and other reliefs;

However, in case, where the Committee is of the considered view, that examination of the victim and other parties is necessary, may proceed to hear the case and record the statement and pass a speaking order;

Provided further that an application shall not be rejected without giving the applicant/victim an opportunity of being heard and without assigning reasons in writing;

- (iii) The quorum for any sitting of the committee shall be (3) Three members;
- (iv) The Committee shall notify the applicant/victim of the time and place of the hearing of the application;
- (v) The proceedings of the Committee shall be in camera and the identity of the victim shall not be disclosed at all times and in all circumstances;

- (vi) The proceedings of the Committee shall be confidential and it shall not be printed, published, telecast or posted in any public forum.

12. PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE DETERMINATION OF THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION TO THE VICTIM: -

The Committee shall while determining the compensation and other reliefs be guided by the following Parameters: -

- (i) The Committee shall take into account rehabilitation and other expenses, if any, which may include:-
 - (a) Type and severity of the bodily injury suffered by the victim and expenditure incurred or likely to be incurred on medical treatment and psychological counselling to the victim.
 - (b) Expenditure consequential on pregnancy, if resulting from rape including expenses connected with abortion, if it is resorted to, in consequence of rape.
 - (c) Expenses incurred or likely to be incurred in connection with any education or professional or vocational training or training for self employment to the victim.
 - (d) Loss caused to the victim by cessation or interruption of gainful activity or employment on the basis of an assessment made by the Committee;
 - (e) Non pecuniary loss or compensation for pain, suffering mental or emotional trauma, humiliation or inconvenience.
- (ii) The Committee shall as far as possible make use of the schemes, facilities provided by the State or Central Government and also the organizations funded fully or partly by the Government for relief and rehabilitation measures

13. THE ORDER TO BE PLACED ON RECORD: -

The Secretary, District Committee shall forward copy of the order of compensation to the concerned Court and to the Victim/Dependent.

- 14.** In case of conflict of any provisions of the Revised Manodhairya Scheme and these guidelines, the provisions of the Revised Manodhairya Scheme shall prevail.

Place: Mumbai

Date : 25/06/2026

By order and approval of the
Hon'ble Acting Chief Justice and
Patron-in-Chief,
Maharashtra State Legal Services
Authority, Mumbai.

25.06.2026

(M. Salman Azmi)
Member Secretary,
Maharashtra State Legal Services
Authority, Mumbai

ANNEXURE – I

**APPLICATION FOR THE AWARD OF COMPENSATION UNDER
REVISED MANODHAIRYA SCHEME FOR INTERIM/FINAL
RELIEF**

1.	Name of the Applicant Victim(s) or his/her/their Dependent(s)	
2.	Age of the of the Victim(s) or his/her/their Dependent(s)	
3.	(a) Father's Name	
	(b) Mother's Name	
	(c) Spouse's Name	
4.	Address of the Victim(s) or his/her/their Dependent(s)	
5.	Date and time of the Incident	
6.	Whether FIR has been lodged? If Yes, enclose Copy of FIR. If No, give status thereof.	
7.	Whether medical examination has been done? If yes, enclose Medical Report/ Death Certificate /P.M. Report.	
8.	Status of trial, if pending. If over, enclose copy of judgment and order on sentence.	
9.	Has the applicant been awarded any compensation by the trial court or any other Govt. agency. If, yes give details.	
10.	Give details of financial expenditure/ loss incurred	
11.	Have you instituted any civil suit/ claim against the perpetrator of offence. If yes, give details.	

Signature of the Victim/Dependent/Guardian

ANNEXURE -II

UNDERTAKING

**To be submitted before the disbursal of the compensation under
REVISED MANODHAIRYA SCHEME Before DISTRICT COMMITTEE
by the Victims or their Dependents)**

(Strike out whichever is not applicable)

I/We
(Name of the Victim or their Dependents) S/o, D/o, W/o
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R/o hereby undertake that

I/We have read all the entire Revised Manodhairya Victims Compensation Scheme, 2024 and after fully understanding the same, I/We have filled in this Undertaking form.

I/We fully undertake that, if at a later stage, the Trial Court while passing the judgment awards compensation to me/us under Section 357 Cr.P.C./395 BNSS I shall inform the same District Legal Services Authority promptly.

I/We undertake that in case the Compensation awarded to me/us u/s 357 Cr.P.C./395 BNSS is paid by the convict to me/us, I/We shall refund the compensation received by me/us from this Authority.

I/We also undertake that in case under the order of Trial Court, Convict compensates me/us by paying amount which is less than compensation provided to me/us under this Scheme then I/We shall refund that portion of the compensation received by me/us from this Authority.

I/We am/are aware that the first charge/duty to compensate me/us for loss or injury or rehabilitation is that on the convict and upon receipt of compensation from the convict I/We am/are supposed to refund the compensation received from this Authority under the Scheme.

I/We shall have no objection in case the amount supposed to be refunded by me/us in future is obtained by this Authority directly from the my/our Bank Account/FDR opened/prepared at the time of disbursal of compensation under the Scheme.

The information given by me/us in my/our application form is true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

Dated : _____

Signature of the Applicant/Victim/Dependent