Through e-mail/WhatsApp

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE (SOUTH-WEST)
DWARKA DISTRICT COURTS, NEW DELHI

No. 18494-18583/Judl./DWK/2026 Dated: 30.04.2026

Sub: Compliance of directions regarding expeditious disposal of acid attack cases and furnishing of quarterly reports.

As directed by the Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge (S-W), Dwarka Courts, a copy of letter No. 2245-2255/DHC/Gaz.IB/G-2/SC-Judgment/2026 dated 17.04.2026, on the above-mentioned subject, alongwith its annexures, received from the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi, is forwarded herewith for kind information, with request for necessary compliance of the timelines prescribed for expeditious conclusion of trials in cases relating to acid attack victims, in letter and spirit and such cases may be taken up on day-to-day basis, as far as practicable, and wherever longer dates have been granted, the same may be preponed with due notices to the parties, to:

1. All Ld. Judicial Officers posted at South-West District, Dwarka Courts (*for kind information*).
2. All Ld. Judicial Officers dealing with criminal jurisdiction at South-West District, Dwarka Courts.
3. The Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate (S-W), Dwarka Courts.
4. The Ld. Full Time Secretary, DLSA (S-W), Dwarka Courts.
5. The In-charge, General Branch, Facilitation Centre, Dwarka Courts.
6. The In-charge, Computer Branch, Dwarka Courts (*for uploading this Circular on the web page of District Courts, Dwarka*).
7. The In-charge, R&I Branch, Dwarka Courts (*for uploading this Circular on LAYERS*).
8. PS to the Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge (S-W), Dwarka Courts (*for information*).

Note: All concerned Ld. Judicial Officers are also requested to submit quarterly report in the prescribed format (Annexure "A"), in supersession of the earlier formats, i.e. Annexure-X and Annexure-Y, in this office from the second quarter of the year, 2026 and thereafter, such reports be submitted in this office regularly by 5th day of every succeeding quarter.

(Balwant Rai Bansal)
Officer In-charge (Judicial Branch)/
District Judge (Commercial Court)-02,
Dwarka Courts, New Delhi.

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2245- 2255 **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

No._____/DHC/Gaz.IB/G-2/SC-Judgment/2026 Dated: 17.04.2026

From :

The Registrar General,
High Court of Delhi,
New Delhi.

To

1. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQ), Tis Hazari Courts Complex, Delhi.
2. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (South), Saket Courts Complex, New Delhi
3. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (South-East), Saket Courts complex, Delhi.
4. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (North-West), Rohini Courts Complex, Delhi.
5. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (East), Karkardooma Courts Complex, Delhi.
6. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (North-East), Karkardooma Courts Complex, Delhi.
7. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (West), Tis Hazari Courts Complex, Delhi.
8. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (North), Rohini Courts Complex, Delhi.
9. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (New Delhi), Patiala House Courts Complex, New Delhi.
10. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (Shahdara), Karkardooma Courts Complex, Delhi.
11. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (South-West), Dwarka Courts Complex, New Delhi.

Subject: Compliance of directions regarding expeditious disposal of acid attack cases and furnishing of quarterly reports.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to this Court's letter No. 1315/DHC/Gaz.-IB/G-2/SC-Judgment/2026 dated 20.02.2026 (copy enclosed) and to invite your kind attention to the orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P. (C) No. 1112/2025 titled *"Shaheen Malik vs. Union of India & Anr."*, wherein the Hon'ble Court has, inter alia, emphasized the need for expeditious and time-bound disposal of cases relating to acid attack victims and has further directed the High Courts to ensure continuous monitoring of compliance.

In pursuance thereof, and in terms of the directions of the Hon'ble Disposal Review Committee, duly approved by Hon'ble the Chief Justice, the following timelines have been prescribed for expeditious conclusion of trials in such cases:

- Framing of charge within 15 days from the date of appearance/production of the accused before the Court of Session after commitment;
- Completion of prosecution evidence within 90 days from the date of framing of charge;
- Recording of statement of the accused within 15 days of completion of prosecution evidence;

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Judicial (SW) for necessary action
① for Circulation
② Report reg. Progress & compliance.

Principal District & Sessions Judge
(SW), Dwarka Courts
Date 18/04/2026

- Completion of defence evidence within 45 days from the date of recording of statement of the accused;
- Conclusion of final arguments and pronouncement of judgment within 30 days from the date of completion of defence evidence.

It is, therefore, requested that the above timelines be strictly complied with by all Courts dealing with acid attack cases. Such cases may be taken up on a day-to-day basis, as far as practicable, and wherever longer dates have been granted, the same may be preponed with due notice to the parties.

Further, in order to ensure effective and centralized monitoring, it has been directed that a quarterly report regarding the progress and compliance in such cases be furnished by all districts in the enclosed revised proforma **(Annexure "A")**, in supersession of the earlier formats, i.e., Annexure-X and Annexure-Y. The reporting in the revised format shall commence from the second quarter of the year 2026, and thereafter, such reports shall be furnished regularly by the 7th day of every succeeding quarter.

Accordingly, you are requested to circulate the aforesaid directions and timelines to all concerned Courts in your district for strict compliance and ensure that quarterly reports in the prescribed format **(Annexure "A"),** complete in all respects, are compiled district-wise and forwarded to this Court by the 7th day of the succeeding quarter.

Yours faithfully,

17/04/26

(Sunil Singh Negi)
Deputy Registrar (Gazette-IB)
For Registrar General.

HIGH COURT OF DELHI : NEW DELHI

No. 1315 /DHC/Gaz.IB/G-2/SC-Judgment/2026 Dated: 20 .02.2026

From :

The Registrar General,
High Court of Delhi,
New Delhi.

To

The Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQ),
Tis Hazari Courts Complex,
Delhi.

Sub : **Quarterly information regarding institution, disposal and pendency of cases of acid attack victims.**

Madam,

I am directed to request you to furnish the compiled information regarding institution, disposal and pendency of cases of acid attack victims in respect of all the District courts of Delhi in prescribed formats i.e **Annexure-X and Annexure-Y** in respect of fourth quarter of 2025 by 25.02.2026 and thereafter by 7th of every succeeding quarter, on regular basis through email at email id: ar-gazette1b.dhc@gov.in.

Yours faithfully,

(Vinay Sharma)
Deputy Registrar (Gazette-IB)
For Registrar General.

Encl.: As above.

Annexure – "A"

Case-Wise & Stage-Wise Quarterly Compliance Report in Acid Attack Cases (For the Quarter Ending: _____)

Date of issuance of directions: _____

(Fill only those columns where the relevant stage/event has occurred during the quarter. If a stage has not been reached or no progress has taken place during the quarter, leave the column blank.)

S. No.	Case Title & No.	Name of the Court	Charge *(Enter date of framing of charge, if framed during the quarter, and indicate "Yes/No" whether framed within 15 days from the relevant starting point after issuance of directions.)*	Prosecution Evidence *(Enter start date and completion date, if any part of prosecution evidence was conducted during the quarter, and indicate "Yes/No" whether completed within 90 days from the date of framing of charge (post-directions). If not completed, mention "Ongoing".)*	Statement of Accused *(Enter date, if recorded during the quarter, and indicate "Yes/No" whether recorded within 15 days from completion of prosecution evidence.)*	Defence Evidence *(Enter start date and completion date, if any part of defence evidence was conducted during the quarter, and indicate "Yes/No" whether completed within 45 days from the date of recording of statement of accused. If not completed, mention "Ongoing".)*	Final Arguments & Judgment *(Enter date of conclusion of arguments and date of pronouncement of judgment, if occurred during the quarter, and indicate "Yes/No" whether concluded within 30 days from completion of defence evidence.)*	Present Status *(e.g., Charge stage / Prosecution Evidence ongoing / Defence Evidence ongoing / Arguments stage / Judgment reserved / Disposed)*	Next Date/ Date of Disposal

Notes:-

1. Multiple stages within the same quarter:
   If more than one stage is completed during the quarter (e.g., Charge + Prosecution Evidence + Statement of Accused), all relevant columns shall be filled.

2. Ongoing stages:
   Where a stage has commenced but not concluded during the quarter, mention "Ongoing" along with the start date.

3. Assessment of timelines:
   Compliance shall be assessed with reference to the relevant starting point after issuance of directions, as per prescribed timelines. For the purpose of framing of charge, the relevant starting point shall be the date on which the accused appears or is produced before the Court of Session after commitment of the case.

4. No Progress columns:
   "No Progress" should be written in the Columns where the stage has not been reached or no progress has taken place during the quarter.

5. Compliance shall be indicated strictly as "Yes" or "No" only.