

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

29055-29144

No. _____/Misc/Endst/Genl/DWK/2026

Dated 21/7/26

**Sub: Judgment dated 29.05.2026 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in
Miscellaneous Application No. 530 of 2022 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.
56/2004 titled "Prajwala v. Union of India & Ors."**

As directed by the Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge (S-W), a copy of Judgment dated 29.05.2026 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Miscellaneous Application No. 530 of 2022 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 56/2004 titled "Prajwala v. Union of India & Ors.", is being forwarded herewith for information and necessary compliance to:

1. All the Ld. Judicial Officers posted at Dwarka Courts Complex, New Delhi. (Through email & Whatsapp).
2. Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge's Secretariat (S-W), Dwarka Courts, New Delhi, for information. (through E-mail).
3. Branch Incharge, Judicial Branch, Dwarka Courts, New Delhi for information & follow up action, if any (through email).

(MANU GOEL KHARB)
Officer Incharge (General Branch)
Special Judge (NDPS)-02
Dwarka Courts : New Delhi

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

Dated: 18.07.2026.

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 (North-West), Rohini Courts Complex, Delhi.
3. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (East), Karkardooma Courts Complex, Delhi.
4. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (North-East), Karkardooma Courts Complex, Delhi.
5. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (North), Rohini Courts Complex, Delhi.
6. The Principal District & Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge (PC Act) (CBI), RACC, New Delhi.
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8. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (Shahdara), Karkardooma Courts Complex, Delhi.
9. ✓ The Principal District & Sessions Judge (South-West), Dwarka Courts Complex, New Delhi.
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13. The Principal Judge (HQ), Family Courts, Dwarka, New Delhi.

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Sir/ Madam,

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Yours faithfully,



(Ashok Sharma)
Assistant Registrar (Gazette-IB)
For Registrar General.

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General
for necessary action

Principal District & Sessions Judge
(SW), Dwarka Courts
Date 20.7.26

ITEM NO.1502

COURT NO.6

SECTION PIL-W

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Miscellaneous Application No. 530/2022 in W.P.(C) No. 56/2004

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 09-12-2015 in W.P.(C) No. No. 56/2004 passed by the Supreme Court of India]

PRAJWALA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

[HEARD BY: HON. J.B. PARDIWALA AND HON. R. MAHADEVAN, JJ.]
IA No. 38087/2022 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 38089/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT

Date : 29-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN

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1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.B. Pardiwala pronounced the judgment of the Bench comprising His Lordship and Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. Mahadevan.

2. The Miscellaneous Application is disposed of in terms of the signed reportable judgment.

3. The relevant part of the signed reportable judgment is as under:-

"That all the States/UTs notify "recognised welfare institutions or organisations" in accordance with the explanation to Section 15(6A) ITPA.

That all States/UTs prepare a State-wide list of social welfare workers, with sufficient representation from all districts, who may be eligible to form a part of the non-official advisory body under Section 13(3)(b) ITPA.

That all States/UTs designate the ADGP level police officer heading the Anti-Trafficking Bureau in their respective States/UTs as the Police Nodal Officers for the purpose of performing the functions as delineated by us in the Victim Protection Plan.

That all States/UTs shall designate the Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development in their respective States/UTs as the Government Nodal Officers for the purpose of performing the functions as delineated by us in the Victim Protection Plan.

It shall be the responsibility of the respondent no. 1 to ensure that the aforesaid directions are duly complied with within a period of three months from the date of this judgment.

For the purpose of reporting compliance with the additional directions mentioned in Paragraph No. 456, the Registry shall notify this matter once again sometime in September, 2026.

Tackling human trafficking for CSE, with its hidden nature and multifarious forms, is indeed a very daunting task. However, there is recognition from all corners that it is an evil which needs urgent and consistent attention. Various measures have been undertaken by the multitude of stakeholders involved. However, throughout this judgment, we have noted that these measures have

not yielded concrete positive results. Thus, there is no hiding away from the fact that much more needs to be done. By formulating a victim protection plan, we believe we have taken a major step in that direction. We hope this effort will have a domino effect, leading to much more sustained and coordinated action from all stakeholders.

We are aware that a single plan will not be the answer to all the trials and tribulations victims face. However, our effort here should reflect more than just the formulation of a plan. It should reflect an endeavour to give the victim centre stage and to prioritise their needs. It should reflect an attempt to view victims not as passive beings but as agents in need of empowerment. Lastly, but most importantly, it should reflect a commitment to the victims that this Court will accord them the dignity that was always theirs.

We direct the Registry to send one copy of the judgment to:

- a. All the High Courts;*
- b. Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs,
Union of India*
- c. Principal Secretary, Ministry of Women and
Child Development, Union of India.*

(CHANDRESH)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(Signed reportable judgment is placed on the file)