

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT JUDGE, PRAYAGRAJ.
Admin. Order No. 555 **Dated : August 12, 2026**

ORDER

Vide Hon'ble High Court's Letter No.10316/Admin.G-II Dt. 11.8.2026, it has been communicated that **Hon'ble Committee for 'Ensuring the implementation of the Direction of the Apex court'**, in the meeting held on **22.07.2026** perused the latest data (as on 30.06.2026) regarding pending cases pertaining to Acid Attack victims received from the district courts. Hon'ble Committee has expressed its concern over the cases in which charges have been framed prior to the year 2020 but these cases have not been decided yet. Considering the acid attacks to be crimes against humanity and by nature, barbaric, the Hon'ble Committee has issued following directions:-

1. The District Judges shall sensitize the concerned Judicial Officers to make their best efforts to conclude these cases expeditiously, not exceeding one year from the stage of framing of charges. First, highest priority shall be given to the cases where charges have been framed prior to the year 2020.
2. All District Judges are required to ensure the equitable distribution of such cases so that more numbers of such trials may be conducted, simultaneously and their pendency brought down in a short time.
3. Firm measures be adopted to ensure timely framing of charges in all cases involving injuries caused by acid attacks.

It has also been communicated that the Hon'ble Committee further directed that a meeting be held with the District Judges and the concerned Judicial Officers of those districts where the pendency of such cases is in double digits as well as the districts where such cases are pending in which charges have been framed prior to 2020, so as to review the reasons for such pendency and to sensitize the Judicial Officers to ensure expeditious disposal of such cases.

In compliance of the above directions, following order is being passed with immediate effect :

- (a) The System Officer of District Court, Prayagraj is directed to provide a soft/pdf copy of Hon'ble Court's above directions along with a soft copy of this order to the concerned Judicial Officers (dealing with the cases pertaining acid attacks victims) for ensuring strict compliance in letter and spirit.
- (b) A hard copy of the Hon'ble Court's above directions along with a copy of this order be circulated amongst all the concerned Judicial Officers (dealing with the cases pertaining acid attacks victims) for ensuring strict compliance in letter and spirit.
- (c) All the above Judicial Officers of the Judgeship are hereby sensitized to make their best efforts to conclude cases pertaining to Acid Attack victims, expeditiously, not exceeding one year from the stage of framing of charges. **First, highest priority shall be given to the cases where charges have been framed prior to the year 2020.**

It has further been directed that **firm measures be adopted to ensure timely framing of charges in all cases involving injuries caused by acid attacks.**

- (d) The Officer-in-Charge (Statement) of the Judgeship is directed to submit proposal for the equitable distribution of such cases so that more numbers of such trials may be conducted, simultaneously and their pendency brought down in a short time.
- (e) As per the details of cases pertaining acid attacks victims {provided by the Officer-in-charge (Statement)}, **11 cases** are pending as on 30.06.2026, hence, in compliance of Hon'ble Court's directions, a meeting of the undersigned with the Presiding Officers of the courts (dealing with the cases pertaining acid attacks victims) of the Judgeship, be convened on **14.08.2026 at 4.35 PM in the Meeting Hall.**

Inform all concerned.

Dated : August 12, 2026

(Divaker Dwivedi)
I/c District Judge,
Prayagraj.



Through e-mail

From, **Registrar General**
High Court of Judicature at,
Allahabad

To, **All the District and Sessions Judges,**
State of Uttar Pradesh

No. **10316** /Admin G-II

Dated **11/08** /2026

Sub: **Regarding directions issued by Hon'ble Committee for "Ensuring the Implementation of the directions of the Apex Court" vide meeting held on 22.07.2026.**

Madam/Sir,

This is to inform you that aforesaid Hon'ble Committee, in the meeting held on **22.07.2026** perused the latest data (**as on 30.06.2026**) regarding pending cases pertaining to Acid Attack victims received from the district courts. Hon'ble Committee has expressed its concern over the cases in which charges have been framed prior to the year **2020** but these cases have not been decided yet.

Thus, considering the acid attacks to be crimes against humanity and by nature, barbaric, the Hon'ble Committee has issued following directions:-

1. The District Judges shall sensitize the concerned Judicial Officers to make their best efforts to conclude these cases expeditiously, **not exceeding one year- from the stage of framing of charges.** First, highest priority shall be given to the cases where charges have been framed prior to the year **2020**.
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3. Firm measures be adopted to ensure timely framing of charges in all cases involving injuries caused by acid attacks.

The Hon'ble Committee has further directed that a meeting be held with the District Judges and the concerned Judicial Officers of those districts **where the pendency of such cases is in double digits** as well as the districts where such cases are pending in which charges have been framed prior to 2020, so as to review the reasons for such pendency and to sensitize the Judicial Officers to ensure expeditious disposal of such cases.

You are, therefore, requested to communicate the directions issued by Hon'ble Court to all the Judicial Officers of your judgship and ensure strict compliance thereof, by all the concerned, in letter and spirit.

With Regards,

Yours faithfully,

Joint Registrar(J)(Inspection)
For 'Registrar General'



Through e-mail

From,
Registrar General
High Court of Judicature at,
Allahabad

To,
All the District and Sessions Judges,
State of Uttar Pradesh

No. **10317** /Admin G-II

Dated **11/08** /2026

Sub: **Regarding directions issued by Hon'ble Committee for "Ensuring the Implementation of the directions of the Apex Court" vide meeting held on 22.07.2026.**

Madam/Sir,

This is to inform you that aforesaid Hon'ble Committee, in the meeting held on **22.07.2026** considered the latest district-wise and year-wise data of the cases pending under Special Acts {which, inter alia, contain provisions placing a **reverse burden of proof upon the accused (copy enclosed)}** received from the district courts.

The Hon'ble Committee expressed its concern to the staggering figures of pending cases under these acts and issued following directions, in the matter:-

1. All the Judicial Officers shall make best efforts to ensure expeditious disposal of these cases pending prior to the year **2000**.
2. The District Judges are requested to ensure that adequate legal assistance is provided to the Under Trial Prisoners facing prosecution under these Special Acts, through the concerned **District Legal Services Authority**, so as to enable effective legal representation and facilitate the expeditious disposal of their cases.

You are, therefore, requested to communicate the directions issued by Hon'ble Court to all the Judicial Officers of your judgship and ensure strict compliance thereof, by all the concerned, in letter and spirit.

Encl. As above

With Regards,

Yours faithfully,

11/08/2026
Joint Registrar(J)(Inspection)
For 'Registrar General'

Special Acts which, inter alia, contain provisions placing a reverse burden of proof upon the accused

1. The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA)
2. The Customs Act
3. The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985
4. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act
5. The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002
6. Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988
7. Uttar Pradesh Gangsters and Anti Social Activities (Prevention) Act, 1986
8. Uttar Pradesh Dacoity Affected Areas Act, 1983
9. UP Prevention of Cow Slaughtering Act, 1955