

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1873

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD AUGUST, 2016/SRAVANA 12, 1938 (SAKA)

COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS OF ACID ATTACKS

1873. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has taken cognizance of cases of acid attacks on women and that they are required under law to be paid compensation;

(b) whether the Ministry has received complaints from acid attack victims that they do not receive timely compensation;

(c) what steps are taken by the Ministry to intervene on behalf of acid attack victims to ensure that they receive timely compensation; and

(d) whether the Ministry runs any special schemes or offers other forms of assistance to acid attack victims, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): Yes Sir. A new Section 357A has been inserted in the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973; vide the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2008, which provides for compensation to victims of crime. In pursuance of this, a Victim Compensation Scheme (VCS) is required to be framed by the State Governments/ Union Territories in coordination with the Central Government. All the States /UTs have notified their VCS.

(b): No such complaint has been received in this Ministry.

(c) to (d): On 6-7-2016, the Central Government has launched the Central Victim Compensation Fund (CVCF) Scheme for women with one time grant of Rs.200.00 Crore under the Nirbhaya Fund to support and supplement the existing Victim Compensation Schemes notified by States / UT Administrations, to reduce disparity in quantum of compensation amount notified by different States/ UTs for victims of similar crimes and to encourage States/UTs to effectively implement the Victim Compensation Schemes (VCS) notified by them under the provisions of section 357A of Cr.P.C. and provide financial support to victims of various crimes like sexual offences including rape, acid attacks, crime against children, human trafficking etc. A minimum compensation of Rs 3.00 lakh has been allocated for the victim of acid attack under this scheme.
