OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE: DELHI

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SUBJECT- STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR DISBURSAL OF COMPENSATION UNDER THE DELHI VICTIM COMPENSATION SCHEME, 2018 FOR POCSO CASES.

The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in WP(C)4827/2024 titled as "Abhishek Yadav V/s DSLSA & Anr" vide Judgement dated 24.09.2024 has added the addendum in form of Part 'F' to the Standard Operating Procedure, 2020 already having five (05) parts A to E issued by Delhi State Legal Service Authority (DSLSA) with respect to operation of Delhi Victim Compensation scheme 2018. The portion relevant to Delhi Police is reproduced below:-

1. As regards child victims who ordinarily reside outside the NCT of Delhi but were subjected to offences within the jurisdiction of NCT of Delhi, the concerned DLSA shall seek assistance of the local DLSA and/or any other statutory authority which has sway over the area where the child victim is located for conducting verification of documents. Delhi Police will insure that the IO's verify documents in accordance with SOP issued by the DLSA biometric protocol will among other things, take into accounts the following:-

(i) After the child victim submits relevant documents, the concerned DLSA shall, with the assistance of the Investigating Officer (IO), endeavour to complete verification of the documents submitted within two (2) weeks commencing from the date of submission of the said documents.

(ii) The Deputy Police Commissioner having jurisdiction over the concerned area will ensure that the time line indicated above is not crossed.

(iii) The child victim will not be required to undergo a re-verification unless the reliance is placed on new documents not mentioned in the certificate. In case such an eventuality arises, verification of the new document shall be conducted by the concerned DLSA with the assistance of the I.O. at the earliest, at least two (02) weeks from the date of submission of the new document(s).

In view of the aforementioned directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, IOs/SHOs/ Inspector Investigation of all District/Units dealing in POCSO Act cases, are hereby directed to ensure that the Victim Impact Assessment Report and documents verification as per the updated SOP is filed by the Investigating Officer within two (02) weeks. However, if the report is not filed within time line due to justifiable reason, the IO shall seek the extension of time from the DCP concerned.

The Joint CP/Ranges/Units shall review POCSO Act cases regularly and ensure that Victim Impact Assessment Report and documents verification are completed within stipulated time limit. The concerned IOs/SHOs shall be held responsible for any undue delay in verification of documents and initiate departmental action.

The Special Commissioner of Police, Crime who periodically reviews the POCSO Act cases pending investigation in compliance of **directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP (C) No. 76/2018; Alakh Alok Srivastav Vs UOI &Ors. and Hon'ble High court of Delhi in WP(C)No.466/2016; Bachpan Bachao AndolanVs Union of India & Ors.,** shall also review the compliance of directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in WP(C)4827/2024 titled "Abhishek Yadav V/s DSLSA & Anr" w. r. t. Victim Impact Assessment Report and documents verification within the time line.

This issues with the approval of Commissioner of Police, Delhi.

16/10/2024

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE:
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