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Sub: Immediate and free medical treatment to the victims of acid attack.

Attention is drawn to the Writ Petition (Criminal) No. 129 of 2005 titled as Laxmi Vs. Union of India & others in the matter related to the acid attack. In this regard further attention is drawn to the Criminal Law(Amendment) Act 2013 (No. 13 of 2013), vide which, section 357C was inserted in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 which provides-

"357C. All hospitals, public or private, whether run by the Central Government, the state Government, Local Bodies or any other person, shall immediately, provide the first-aid or medical treatment, free of cost, to the victims of any offence covered under section 326A, 376, 376A, 376B, 376C, 376D or Section 376E of the Indian Penal Code, and shall immediately inform the police of such incident."

In view of the application of the above said amendments in the Cr.P.C. on the provisions of the Section 326A of the Indian Penal Code which is about the offence of acid attack, duty is cast on every hospital management that no victims of acid attack (vitriolage) will be returned without providing the victim first aid or immediate medical treatment, free

of cost. Directors/Medical superintendents of all hospitals, including those under the private management, within the National Capital Territory, are hereby required to take note and to ensure free medical treatment to the victims of any offence covered under Section 326A, 376, 376A, 376B, 376C, 376D or 376E of the Indian Penal Code and to simultaneously inform the incident to the police.

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Managing Directors/Directors/Medical Superintendents of all Hospitals in National Capital Territory

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