

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

WRIT PETITION(S)(CIVIL) NO(S). 516/2025

JUST RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN ALLIANCE & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 129558/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 23-05-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Pragyan Pradip Sharma, Sr. Adv.
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Ms. Shashi, AOR

For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that pursuant to a direction issued by this Court in Suo Moto Writ Petition (Criminal) No.1/2019 (In Re: Alarming rise in the number of reported child rape incidents) a scheme for Compensation, Rehabilitation, Welfare and Education of POCSO victims, 2019 has been drawn-up by the Registry of this Court. However, thereafter there has been no follow-up on the said scheme inasmuch as there has been no discussion or formalization

of the said scheme either by the Union of India-respondent No.1 herein or National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)-respondent No.2 herein. In the circumstances, the Writ Petition filed by the petitioners have sought the following reliefs:

"i. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order, or direction directing the Respondents to frame, notify, and implement a dedicated Victim Compensation Scheme exclusively for child victims of crime, including victims of sexual abuse, addressing their distinct psychological, emotional, educational, and financial rehabilitation needs.

ii. Direct the Respondents to immediately disburse compensation to Petitioner Nos.2 to 13, in strict compliance with the NALSA Scheme, 2018.

iii. Direction to all States/Uts to uniformly implement the NALSA Scheme, 2018 in its true letter and spirit, until a dedicated Victim Compensation Scheme for child victims of crime is framed and notified by the Respondents.

iv. Direct the Respondents to provide a comprehensive list of all POCSO victims within their jurisdiction, indicating whether compensation has been paid in accordance with the NALSA Scheme, 2018 or not.

v. Pass any order or further orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper under the facts and circumstances of the case."

Having heard learned senior counsel for the petitioners, issue notice to respondent Nos.1, 2 and 3 for the present, returnable on 18.08.2025.

Learned senior counsel for the petitioners to also circulate a copy of the aforesaid scheme to the respondents to whom notices have been issued by this Court today.

(RADHA SHARMA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(DIVYA BABBAR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)