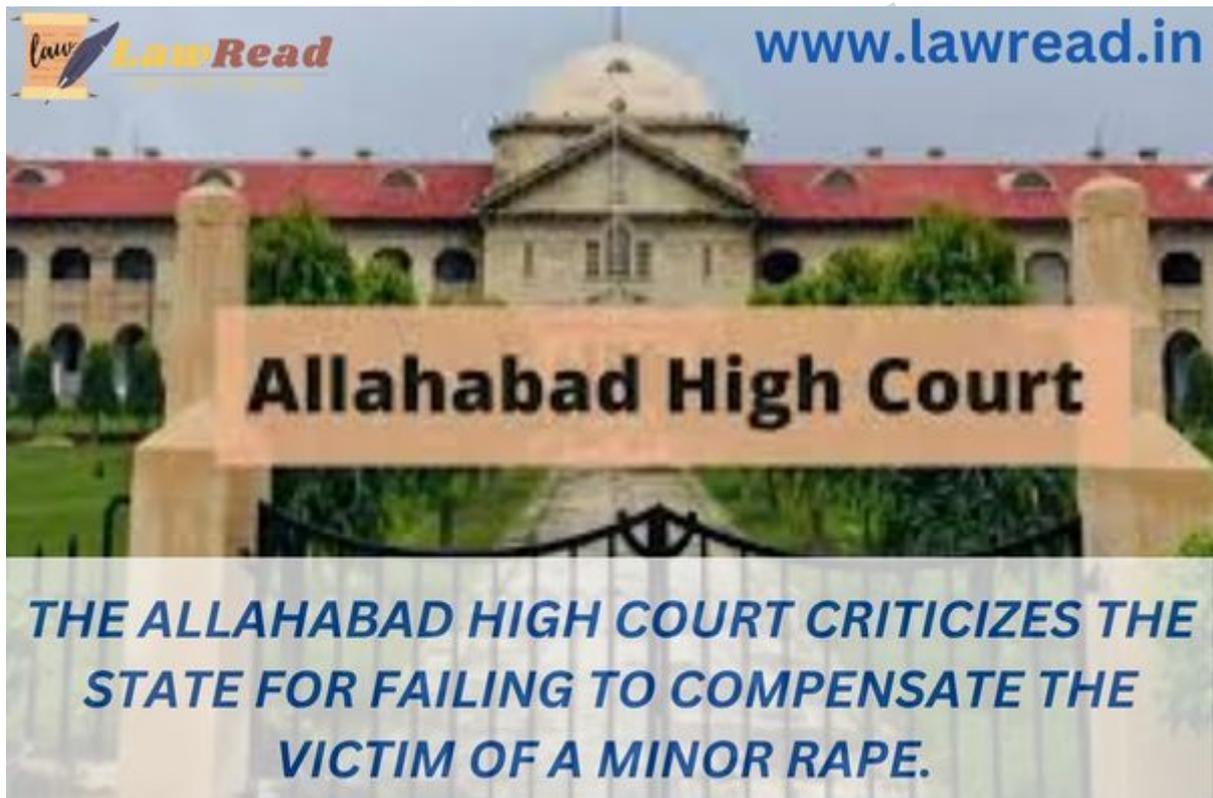


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The Allahabad High Court criticizes the State for failing to compensate the victim of a minor rape.



According to the Court, it was incomprehensible that the victim had to bring a case in order to receive this compensation, and it couldn't comprehend the authorities' lack of interest.

The Allahabad High Court voiced its displeasure on Monday at the postponement of a juvenile rape victim's compensation under a benefit scheme.

Judges Shekhar B. Saraf and Prashant Kumar's bench stated that it could not comprehend the authorities' indifference and that the officials who caused the gap needed to answer for

their actions.

The victim of rape petitioned the court to obtain compensation that she was entitled to under the 2015 Uttar Pradesh Rani Lakshmi Bai Mahila Samman Kosh Rules.

"The petitioner/victim has not gotten a single dime as of today, October 27, 2025, when the issue was brought upon. It is incomprehensible that police officers and other statutory officials, who are obligated to make this contribution under the State Government's advantageous system, are so uninterested. The goal of giving compensation to victims of such a horrific act is to alleviate their suffering as quickly as possible and to meet their immediate financial needs for medical care, the Court noted.

It further stated that rape victims' suffering would only get worse as a result of such delays in receiving compensation.

"Victims experience tremendous emotional trauma in addition to physical pain and suffering. The victim's anguish and suffering are made worse by the act of delaying payments under such advantageous legislation. The victim's suffering is made worse by the fact that she must pay additional expenses in order to file a writ petition to get the compensation to which she is legally entitled, the Court stated.

Compensation for victims of violent and heinous crimes is provided by the Uttar Pradesh Rani Lakshmi Bai Mahila Samman Kosh Rules, 2015.

The subject of the lawsuit was a little girl who was sexually assaulted in May of this year. Within a month of the chargesheet being submitted, she was entitled to ₹3 lakh in compensation in two installments under the 2015 Rules. The chargesheet in this instance was submitted on June 25.

Nevertheless, the compensation was not given by the local State authorities in this time range. When this happened, the victim petitioned the High Court for this reparation through her father.

"It is indeed astounding to find that the victim has been forced to file this writ petition on September 9, 2025 for non payment of any of the said instalments to the victim," the judge stated.

It also stated that the concerned officers requested the victim's bank account information a few days after the writ petition was filed in order to send her the compensation to which she was legally entitled. Beyond this, though, nothing was done, and the Court chastised the authorities for not putting even a "single penny" into the victim's bank account.

Within three days, the Court ordered the authorities to pay the ₹3 lakh compensation. Additionally, it mandated that the victim receive an extra ₹2 lakh from the pertinent officials of the district steering committee, which is led by the district magistrate of Lakhimpur Kheri and is responsible for disbursing such compensation, in order to make up for the delays in this instance.

According to the Court, this extra payment must be made within 15 days.

"Those officials who are in charge of the extreme procrastination ought to be held accountable and held accountable." We believe that the officials in question should be held accountable for their egregious inactivity and careless attitude," the Court stated.

It further stated that departmental action might be taken against the officials who caused the delay in victim compensation payments and that the State government could take an extra ₹2 lakh from them.

On behalf of the petitioner, attorney Muhammad Irfan Siddiqui appeared.