

**GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES**

MEMORANDUM

No. J/TRAUMA/2016-DHS(Pt.1)

Imphal, the 23rd October, 2026

To,

1. The Chief Medical Officer of all Districts
2. The Medical Superintendents, RIMS, JNIMS and Churachandpur Medical College
3. The Medical Superintendent of District Hospital Bishnupur, Thoubal, Chandel, Churachandpur, Tamenglong, Ukhrul, and Senapati
4. The Nodal Officers of Trauma Centers

Subject: Ensuring immediate and free emergency treatment to acid attack victims under Section 200 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

Reference: Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India letter No. Z-28015/40/2026/SAS-II/8409392 dated 17 October 2026.

In pursuance of the above-referred communication, all Chief Medical Officers and District Nodal Officers of Trauma Centres are hereby directed to issue necessary instructions to, and ensure strict compliance by, all government and private hospitals and other concerned health facilities in their respective districts regarding immediate and free emergency medical treatment of acid attack victims, without refusal or delay, irrespective of their financial circumstances.

Section 200 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 provides for punishment for failure to provide the required treatment to victims. Accordingly, the following directions shall be communicated for immediate implementation:

1. All government and private hospitals, including District Hospitals, Community Health Centres and other concerned institutions, shall provide prompt emergency treatment and stabilisation to acid attack victims without demanding advance payment.
2. Where specialised treatment is required, the treating facility shall arrange timely referral and ensure continuity of emergency care, without avoidable delay.
3. All Medical Superintendents and Facility In-Charges shall sensitise medical officers, nursing staff, emergency and trauma-care personnel, and other relevant staff regarding the duty to provide immediate, free treatment and the applicable legal provisions.
4. All facilities shall maintain records of acid attack cases, including emergency care provided, referrals and treatment outcomes, and submit a monthly report through the concerned Chief Medical Officer/District Nodal Officer to the Directorate of Health Services on or before the 5th day of the succeeding month.
5. Chief Medical Officers shall circulate these instructions to government and private hospitals in their jurisdictions, including RIMS, JNIMS and Churachandpur Medical College, as applicable, and oversee district-level compliance. District Nodal Officers of Trauma Centres shall coordinate with District Hospital Medical Superintendents, monitor implementation and follow up on timely submission of reports.

Any refusal or avoidable delay in providing the required emergency treatment shall be viewed seriously. All concerned shall treat this matter as urgent and ensure strict compliance.



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Government of Manipur

Copy to:

1. The Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health & FW), Government of Manipur, for kind information
2. Guard File.

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भारत सरकार/Government of India
स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय/Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
स्वास्थ्य सेवा महानिदेशालय/Directorate General of Health Services
(सचिवालय सहायता अनुभाग-II/Secretariat Assistance Section-II)

Kartavya Bhawan-1, New Delhi
Date: 17th October 2026

To,

State Nodal Officers, Trauma & Burns, All States

Subject: Section 200 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 regarding punishment for non-treatment of a victim

Sir/Ma'am,

As you know, acid attacks cause severe physical injuries, permanent disfigurement and lasting psychological trauma, requiring long-term medical care. Immediate and free emergency treatment is crucial and must be provided without refusal/delay.

Section 200 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, punishes failure to provide the required treatment to victims. Failure to provide free emergency treatment may attract imprisonment of up to one year, or a fine, or both, depending on the severity of the violation. Hospitals must, therefore, ensure that acid attack victims receive timely emergency medical care, irrespective of their financial circumstances.

In view of the above, all SNOs are requested to issue necessary directions to all government and private hospitals in their respective States/UTs, through the Medical Superintendents/Chief Medical Officers (CMOs), to sensitise them about the legal provisions and ensure that acid attack victims are provided immediate and free emergency treatment.

Yours faithfully,

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