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1 IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH AT JABALPUR WP No. 4168 of 2024

(IN REFERENCE (SUO MOTU) Vs THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH)

Dated : <u>16-02-2024</u>

The Times of India, Jabalpur dated 16.02.2024 reported a news item with the heading as "5 years on, promises made to the Pulwama martyr's remain unfulfilled."

2. The issue relates to 14th of February, 2019 when 40 C.R.P.F. Jawans were killed in a terror attack at Pulwama in Jammu and Kashmir. Such was the ghastly act committed, that February 14 is observed as a "black day".

3. One such martyr among those 40, who sacrificed their lives, was from Madhya Pradesh. As reported, various promises were made to the members of his family at that point of time. It does not appear that they all have been fulfilled. For the family of a martyr to await relief which was promised by the State 5 years ago, is very disturbing. We do not expect our martyrs to be treated in this manner.

4. Therefore, we direct Shri Harpreet Ruprah – Additional Advocate General to take notice on behalf of the Chief Secretary, Madhya Pradesh who shall file his reply by next date.

5. Call next week

(RAVI MALIMATH) CHIEF JUSTICE

(VISHAL MISHRA) JUDGE

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