

## **7. HIMACHAL PRADESH**

A free Legal Aid Scheme is implemented for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes persons. Expenses of travelling allowance are also provided. The annual income limit has been fixed as Rs. 15,000/-. Govt. of Himachal Pradesh has provided relief amount as per provision contained in Rule 12(4) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995. The rule has been implemented by the Govt. To monitor cases of atrocities on SCs and STs, a State level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee has been set up. Apart from this District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee were also set up. The State has only stray and sporadic incidents and no particular area is artocity prone. Nine District and Session Court have been specified and special courts under the Act.