

10. JHARKHAND

LEGAL AID

There is a provision of giving legal aid upto Rs. 1000/- to the members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes by the Deputy Commissioners of the Districts.

TRAVELLING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

There is a provision of giving daily allowance to persons affected by atrocities, their dependants and witness, which will not be less than the minimum wages fixed for agricultural labourers. Moreover, there is also a provision of reimbursement of travelling charges by the District Magistrates.

RELIEF MEASURES

There is a provision of sanctioning amounts ranging between Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 2,00,000/- lakhs as relief amount to persons/ families affected by atrocities. There is also a provision of giving relief upto Rs. 2.00 lakhs to families of employed persons in the event of their death due to atrocity, or a relief upto Rs. 1.00 lakhs on their becoming permanently disabled as a result of atrocity.

COMMITTEES

A. STATE LEVEL COMMITTEE

A State level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee has been set up under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Minister. At the State level the meetings were held on 07.05.2002 under the Chairpersonship of the Home Secretary, Jharkhand to review the implementation of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

B. DISTRICT LEVEL COMMITTEE

The District level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee are already functioning under the provision of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

SPECIAL COURTS

The Designated Special Courts have been set up in all the Districts of Jharkhand under the Additional District and Sessions Judges, to decide matters pertaining to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

NODAL OFFICER

The Special Secretary, Home Department, Government of Jharkhand has been declared as Nodal Officer for overseeing implementation of the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

SPECIAL OFFICER

Under Rule 10 of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995, Special Officers have been nominated in 17 Districts of the State.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS

Special Public Prosecutors have been appointed in all districts of the State except East Singhbhum, Jamtara and Lohardaga where the appointments have not yet been finalised. In Chatra District, the Public Prosecutor has been authorised to function as Senior Public Prosecutor. These Senior Public Prosecutors have been authorised to conduct cases related to the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

SURVEY

The Jharkhand Tribal Research Institute, Ranchi conducts surveys related to problems faced by Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITIES PRONE AREAS

Hazaribagh District has been identified as the prime atrocity prone area.

PCR CELL

A Civil Right Cell headed by Addl. Director General of Police, CID, Jharkhand, Ranchi has been set up in the Home Department.

SPECIAL POLICE STATIONS

The Crime investigation wing has also been set up under the Home Department and entrusted with the task of expediting investigation of cases filed under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. A Special Police Station for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is functioning in Ranchi District. Its jurisdiction extends to the entire Jharkhand State (vide Home Department's notification no. 3840 dated 2.8.2003). This Thana is under the control of the Crime investigation Department, Ranchi.