

## **5.21. TAMIL NADU**

### **STATE LEVEL SC AND ST PROTECTION CELL**

The Act is enforced through 35 Social Justice and Human Rights Units located at each of 35 district headquarters. Further there are mobile squads, which work for prevention and detection of cases of atrocity. For collection of Statistical information under the Act a Statistical Unit consisting of 1 Statistical Inspector is attached to each Unit. The Inspector (Statistics) is assisted by the Staff of Social Justice and Human Rights Units. The Inspector General of Police, Social Justice & Human Rights Chennai monitors the implementation of the Act and

also supervises the functioning of the Social Justice and Human Rights Units. The Director General of Police, Social Justice and Human Rights has been provided with necessary back up staff including the post of one Economist and one Sociologist (for research and analysis) 2 Superintendents, 6 Assistants, 3 Typists, 6 Office Assistants, 2 Drive Head Constables, 11 Supervisory Squads each headed by a Deputy Superintendent of Police exist at Chennai, Kancheepuram, Villupuram, Vellore, Salwm, Coimbatore, Trichy, Thenjavur, Madurai, Ramanathapuram and Thirunelveli.

## **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

### **NODAL OFFICER AT THE STATE LEVEL**

The Secretary, Adi-Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department has been nominated as Nodal Officer in accordance with the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995.

### **IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITY PRONE AREAS**

239 villages have been identified as 'atrociti prone' and 180 as dormant atrocity prone villages. In these villages, every year survey is being conducted to check availability of basic amenities like.

- a) Link Road
- b) Street lights
- c) Pathway to burial grounds / Burial grounds
- d) Drinking Water

### **PUBLICITY AND AWARENESS GENERATION**

The provisions of the Act have been incorporated in the curriculum of the Police Training College to familiarize the police personnel during their training period. Periodical training classes are also conducted in the Police Training College throughout the year for all ranks.

2. Adequate number of Tamil version of the Act has also been printed and distributed to all Public Prosecutors, members of Vigilance and Monitoring Committee and NGOs etc.

### **SPECIAL COURTS**

Four Exclusive Special Courts for speedy disposal of cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 are functioning at the following District Headquarters.