

## **5.23. UTTARAKHAND**

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **STATE AND DISTRICT LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE**

A State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee has been set up under the Chairpersonship of Chief Minister, which reviews the implementation of the Act. The members of the Committee are Members of Parliament from Haridwar and Secretaries of various Departments, Director General of Police etc. The Secretary, Social Welfare Department is a Convener of the Committee.

The District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee also functions under the Chairpersonship of District Collector, which reviews implementation of the Act.

### **SC/ST PROTECTION CELL**

Special Inquiry Cell has been set up in each district under the supervision of Superintendent of Police for prompt action in the cases of offences of atrocities on SC/ST. The Deputy Superintendent of Police are investigating officer.

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

No area has been identified as atrocity prone as and when any case of offence of atrocities prompt action would be taken.

### **SPECIAL COURT**

Special Courts are functioning at Nainital and Haridwar district. In rest of Districts, the District and Session Courts have been designated as Special Courts for trial of cases under the Act.

### **LEGAL AID**

The concerned District authorities provide free legal aid in all Districts of the State.

### **TRAVELLING AND DEARNESS ALLOWANCES**

The travelling and maintenance expenses to witnesses including victims of atrocities are provided as per POA Rules, 1995.

## **RELIEF MEASURES**

Financial assistance is provided to the victims of offences of atrocities in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995. During 2007-08, an amount of Rs. 21.54 lakhs was provided to 106 persons.

## **5.24 UTTAR PRADESH**

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **STATE AND DISTRICT LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE**

The State and District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees are functions, which reviews implementation of the Act.

#### **SC/ST PROTECTION CELL**

A Special Investigation Cell has been functioning at the State level. This Cell comprises of an Additional Director General of Police, an Inspector General of Police, a Deputy Inspector General of Police, a Superintendent of Police, an Additional Superintendent of Police and nine Dy. S.Ps. Besides this Cell, a Special Investigation Cell has also been set up in all District. Six State Railway Police Station also function under overall supervision of Superintendent of Police. Each such Cell has one Sub-Inspector, one head constable and two constables. Each Thana in each district in the State has a constable from among Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and 20% of Thanas have Sub-Inspectors / Inspectors from among SC/ST. The Deputy Superintendent of Police are investigating officer.

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

20 Districts, namely Lucknow, Hardoi, Sitapur, Raibareli, Unnao, Gonda, Baraich, Barabanki, Sultanpur, Fatehgarh, Etawa, Banda, Jalaun, Basti, Gorakhpur, Azamgarh, Badaun, Meerut, Varanasi and Agra have been identified as sensitive.

#### **SPECIAL COURT**

40 Special Courts in the Districts of Farrukhabad, Unnao, Basti, Banda, Etawah, Hamirpur, Gonda, Kanpur Nagar, Badaun, Sultanpur, Barabanki, Bulandsahar, Gorakhpur, Varansi, Pilibhit, Etah, Deoria,