

## **5.21. UTTARAKHAND**

### **5.21.1 COMMITTEES**

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

The State Level Committee has been constituted under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Minister, to review implementation of the PoA Act.

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

The District Level Committees have been constituted under the Chairpersonship of the concerned District Magistrate, to review implementation of the PoA Act. During the year, 6 meetings were held in 6 districts.

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

Special Inquiry Cell has been set up in each district under the supervision of Superintendent of Police for prompt action.

#### **5.21.3 SPECIAL COURTS**

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

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

No atrocity prone areas have been identified in the State.

#### **5.21.5 ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REHABILITATION**

Financial assistance is provided to the victims of offences of atrocities in accordance with the provisions of the PoA, Rules. During the year, 3 persons were provided assistance.

#### **5.21.6 NODAL OFFICER**

The Secretary, Social Welfare Department has been appointed as the Nodal Officer for coordinating functioning of the District Magistrates, Superintendent of Police and other officers authorized for implementation of provisions of the PoA Act.

#### **5.21.7 LEGAL AID**

The concerned District authorities provide free legal aid to member of SC/ST, in all Districts of the State. During the year, 58 persons were provided such legal aid.

#### **5.21.8 APPEALS FILED IN SUPERIOR COURTS IN CASES WHICH ENDED IN ACQUITTAL**

During the year, 37 cases had ended in acquittal and in 2 cases appeals were filed in superior courts against acquittals.