

5.9 HIMACHAL PRADESH

5.9.1 COMMITTEES

STATE LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE

A State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Minister, reviews implementation of the PoA Act. A meeting of the Committee was held on 19-09-2011..

DISTRICT LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE.

The District Level Committees have also been functioning under the Chairpersonship of District Magistrate in each District. During the year, 28 meetings were held in 12 districts.

5.9.2 STATE LEVEL SC AND ST PROTECTION CELL

A Special Cell has been set up at Police Headquarters, to monitor the offences of atrocities under the PoA Act. The Cell is functioning under the direct supervision of the Director General of Police. The Cell consists Additional Director General of Police (CID), Inspector General of Police (law & Order) and Superintendent of Police (CID/Crime).

5.9.3 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

A. NODAL OFFICER

The Principal Secretary, Social Justice & Empowerment Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh has been appointed as a Nodal Officer

B. SPECIAL OFFICER FOR DISTRICTS HAVING ATROCITY PRONE AREAS

The Additional District Magistrate of concerned district has been appointed as Special Officers.

5.9.4 IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITY PRONE AREAS

No area has been identified as atrocity prone where the members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are likely to be subjected to atrocities.

5.9.5 SPECIAL COURTS

All the District Session Judges and Additional Session Judges in every district in the State have been designated as special courts to try offence under the PoA Act.

5.9.6 PUBLICITY

To sensitize the public about the provisions of the PoA Act and the PoA Rules, a State level workshop was organized for District Magistrates, Superintendent of Police, Public Prosecutors, District Welfare Officer and Tehsil Welfare Officers. 24 sensitization programmes for Police Officers at District level were held. 100 awareness camps were also organized for PRIs and general public at tehsil level/Sub tehsil level. Special Training on the provision of the PoA Act has been imparted to Police officers/officials of the State at Police Training Centre, Daroh, District Kangra.

5.9.7 RELIEF MEASURES

Financial assistance was provided to the victims of atrocities as per the prescribed norms. During the year 2011, an amount of Rs. 15.10 lakh was provided to 61 atrocity victims.