

5.11 KARNATAKA

5.11.1 COMMITTEE

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. During the year, the meeting of the Committee was held on 7.11.2013.

DISTRICT LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE

District Level Committees have¹⁸ also been functioning under the Chairpersonship of District Magistrate in each District to review implementation of the PoA Act. During the year, 62 meetings were held in 30 districts.

5.11.2 STATE LEVEL SC AND ST PROTECTION CELL

The Civil Rights Enforcement Cell is functioning since 1975. Presently the Cell redesignated as Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement is headed by an Additional Director General of Police. The Directorate comprises of seven regional offices at Mysore, Mangalore, Belgaum, Davanagere, Gulbarga and Bangalore, under the charge of a Superintendent of Police. Four district units at Kolar, Tumkur, Bagalkot and Bijapur districts are also functioning under the supervision of Deputy Superintendent of Police.

5.11.3 SPECIAL COURTS

For the purpose of speedy trial of cases under the PoA Act, the District Sessions Courts have been specified as Special Courts. Besides, eight Exclusive Special Courts for trial of offences under the PoA Act are functioning at Belgaum, Mysore, Bijapur, Gulbarga, Raichur, Kolar, Tumkur and Ramnagar districts.

5.11.4 IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITY PRONE AREAS

The Government of Karnataka has identified following atrocity prone areas in the State: -

S.No.	Identified Districts	Specific areas within District identified as 'atrociti prone' areas
1.	Dharwad	-
2.	Bijapur	-
3.	Gulbarga	-
4.	Bidar	-
5.	Chitradurga	-
6	Chikbalklapur	-
7.	Chikkamagalore	-
8.	Chamaraja Nagar	-
9.	Bagalkot	-
10	Bellary	-
11	Bangalore (U)	Anekal Tq & Bangalore South Tq, Kengeri Hobli
12	Bangalore (R)	-
13	D.K.	-
14	Davanagere	-
15	Gadag	-
16	Haveri	-
17	Kolar	-
18	Koppal	1.Beloor Taluk, Koppal 2.Balappanahalli/Ulakelli Taluk Yelburga 3. Hosahalli, Hiredankankal Danapur, Haralahalli, Gangavathi Taluk 4. Jagirgudadur Gram Panchyat, Haballakatti, Thimarikoppa, Kustagi Taluk.
19	Hassan	Arakalgudu Tq, Channarayapatna
20	Belgaum	-
21	Kodagu	-
22	Mandya	-
23	Mysore	1.Chittekaythanhalli village, Hunsur Tq. 2.Ranigere Village, periyapatna Taluk 3.Anemala Village, H.d.Kote Taluk 4. Chittekaythanhalli village, Hunsur Taluk
24	Raichur	-
25	Ramanagar	-
26	Shimoga	-
27	Tumkur	-
28	Udupi	-
29	Uttara Kannada	-
30	Yadgir	-

5.11.5. PUBLICITY AND SENSITISATION OF OFFICERS

To generate awareness among general masses and to sensitize various Government functionaries, 18 publicity/awareness programmes were conducted and 84 Police officials and 2157 other officials were sensitized.

5.11.6 CONTINGENCY PLAN

Government of Karnataka has issued notification, prescribing the role and responsibility of the officers responsible for implementation of the PoA Act.

5.11.7 LEGAL AID

The Karnataka Legal Services Authority extends free services to the members of weaker sections including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes whose annual income is below Rs. 25,000/-. The main objective is to provide free legal aid and advice to the eligible persons through State Legal Services Authority, High Court Legal Services Committee, District Legal Services Authority and Taluk Legal Services Committee. During the year 2013, 918 persons availed legal aid.

5.11.8 TRAVELLING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES TO WITNESSES AND VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES

Travelling and Dearness Allowance, Maintenance and Transport expenses are provided to the victims of atrocities as well as witnesses. During the year 2013, 599 persons were provided such expenses.

5.11.9 ECONOMIC & SOCIAL REHABILITATION

During the year 2013, 2287 atrocity victims were provided relief and rehabilitation.

5.11.10 APPEALS FILED IN SUPERIOR COURTS IN CASES WHICH ENDED IN ACQUITTAL

During the year, 770 cases ended in acquittal and appeals were filed in three cases in superior courts against acquittals.