

## **5.3 ASSAM**

### **5.3.1 COMMITTEES**

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

State Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee has been constituted under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Minister to review implementation of the PoA Act.

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

District Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committees under the Chairpersonship of the District Magistrates have been constituted to review implementation of the PoA Act. During the year 2015, 3 meetings of these Committees were held.

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

A SC & ST Protection Cell at State level functions under the supervision of Director General of Police. The Cell consists of Additional Director General of Police (CID), Inspector General of Police (A), Deputy Inspector General of Police (Range) and all Superintendents of Police.

### **5.3.3 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

#### **A. NODAL OFFICER**

The Director, Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Assam is the Nodal Officer.

#### **B. SPECIAL OFFICER**

There was no instance of atrocity, and no area has been specified as an atrocity prone in the State. However, in accordance with Rule 10 of the PoA Rules, the Additional District Magistrate in each district has been appointed as a Special Officer.

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

There is no atrocity prone area in the State.

#### **5.3.5 SPECIAL COURTS**

18 Special Courts have been declared as Special Courts for trial of offences of atrocities.

#### **5.3.6 SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR**

Special Public Prosecutors have been appointed to conduct trial of the cases under the PoA Act.

#### **5.3.7 LEGAL AID**

Free legal aid is given to deserving families belonging to members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes through Sub-Division Level Legal Aid Committees under the Chairpersonship of the Deputy Commissioner of the district.