

5.6 GOA

5.6.1 COMMITTEE

STATE LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE

The State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee under the Chairpersonship of Chief Minister reviews implementation of the PoA Act. During the year 2015, two meetings of the Committee were held.

DISTRICT LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE

The District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee is functioning under the Chairpersonship of the District Magistrate, North Goa and South Goa to review cases of atrocities under the PoA Act. During the year 2015, six meetings were held.

5.6.2 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

NODAL OFFICER

The Additional Secretary, Department of Personnel is the Nodal Officer, coordinates the functioning of the District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police and other officers, responsible for implementing provisions of the PoA Act.

5.6.3 SPECIAL COURTS

The State Government has designated Principal District and Session Courts at Panaji and Margoa (North & South Goa) as Special Courts for the speedy trial of cases under the PoA Act.

5.6.4 IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITY PRONE AREAS

No area has been identified as atrocity prone in the State.

5.6.5 MODEL CONTINGENCY PLAN

The State Government has prepared a Model Contingency Plan under the PoA Rules, for providing relief and rehabilitation to atrocity victims.

5.6.6 PUBLICITY/AWARNESS

All the subordinate staff was sensitized about proper enforcement of the provisions of the PoA Act. Meetings of senior citizens, members of weaker section and the police were also held periodically at Sub-Divisional level wherein grievances were heard and resolved.

5.6.7 LEGAL AID

The State Government has formulated a scheme to provide Free Legal Aid to members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes without any economic criteria.

5.6.8 RELIEF TO ATROCITY VICTIMS

The State Government has made provision for providing relief and rehabilitation to the victims of offences of atrocities among the members of SCs and STs under the PoA Rules.

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

During the year 2015, of 19 cases which ended in acquittal, appeals against acquittals were filed in two cases in superior courts.