

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 2015, one meeting was held on 26.05.2015.

DISTRICT LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE

District Level Committees have also been functioning under the Chairpersonship of the District Magistrate in each District to review implementation of the PoA Act. During the year 2015, 71 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 Belagavi, Mysuru, Vijapura, Kolar, Raichur, Kalaburagi, Tumkuru 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 'atrocity prone' areas
1.	Dharwad	-
2.	Vijayapura	-
3.	Gulbarga	-
4.	Bidar	-
5.	Chitradurga	-
6.	Chikbalapur	-
7.	Chikkamagaluru	-
8.	Chamaraja Nagar	-
9.	Bagalkot	-
10.	Ballari	-
11.	Bangalore (U)	-
12.	Bangalore (R)	-
13.	D.K.	-
14.	Davanagere	-
15.	Gadag	-
16.	Haveri	-
17.	Kolar	-
18.	Koppal	-
19.	Hassan	-
20.	Belagavi	-
21.	Kodagu	(1) Virajpet Taluka Srimangala (2) Somwarpeth Taluka, Hebbale
22.	Mandya	-
23.	Mysuru	Nanjanagudu Taluka, Kudlapura village, Hunsur Taluka, Thipalapura and Hosurugate village Piriyapattana Taluka, Rajanbeligali Mysurue Taluka, Madagalli village
24.	Raichur	-
25.	Ramanagar	-
26.	Shimoga	-
27.	Tumkur	-
28.	Udupi	-
29.	Uttara Kannada	-
30.	Yadgir	Gajarkot Taluka, Yadgiri

5.11.5. PUBLICITY AND SENSITISATION OF OFFICERS

During the year 2015, 55 publicity and awareness programmes were conducted. 106 Police officials and 7661 other officials were also 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 member of 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 2015, 497 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 2015, 555 persons were provided such expenses.

5.11.9 ECONOMIC & SOCIAL REHABILITATION

During the year 2015, 2228 atrocity victims were provided relief and rehabilitation.

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

During the year 2015, 817 cases ended in acquittal and appeals were filed in forty six cases in superior courts against acquittals.

5.11.11 REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTORS

During the year 2015, two Public Prosecutors were changed for not pleading the PoA Act related cases effectively.