

## **5.16 ODISHA**

### **5.16.1 COMMITTEES**

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

A State Level High Power Vigilance and Monitoring Committee under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Minister reviews implementation of the PoA Act. During the year 2015, one meeting of the Committee was held on 05.06.2015.

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

District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have also been functioning under the Chairpersonship of District Magistrate in all the districts to review implementation of the PoA, Act. During the year 2015, 60 meetings were held in 30 districts.

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

The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Protection Cell have been set up at State level under the supervision of Inspector General of Police with supporting staff. The State Government has also constituted District Human Right Protection Cells to deal with atrocities against members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

### **5.16.3 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

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

Secretary, Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes Development Department has been nominated as a Nodal Officer as per Rule 9 of the PoA Rules.

**B. SPECIAL OFFICER FOR DISTRICTS HAVING ATROCITY PRONE AREAS**

The Additional District Magistrates of the concerned districts are the Special Officers as per Rule 10 of the PoA, Rules.

**5.16.4 IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITY PRONE AREAS**

The Home Department of the State has identified following atrocity prone areas in the State: -

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Atrocity Prone Areas</b>
1.	Angul	Angul (Pallahara, Chhendipada, Jarapada Police Stations areas).
2.	Bhadrak	Bhadrak (Bhadrak town, Rural (Sadar), Naikanidihi, Dhusuri, Bansada Police Station areas).
3.	Boudh	Boudh (Boudh, Baunsuni, Manamudna, Kantamal, Purunakatak, Harbhanga, Police Stations areas).
4.	Balasore	Balasore (Balasore Town, Khantapara, Industrial Areas, Oupada, Singla, Sadar Police stations areas).
5.	Cuttack	Cuttack (Baramba, Niali, Govindpur Police Stations areas).
6.	Dhenkanal	Dhenkanal (Sadar, Gondia Police Stations areas).
7.	Deogarh	Deogarh (Entire Deogarh District in all the 4 Police Stations areas)
8.	Kandhamal	Kandhamal (Entire Kandhamal District is the atrocity prone area as intimated by the S.P.Kandhamal).
9.	Kalahandi	Kalahandi (Dharmagarh, Junagarh, Jaipatna, Koksara, Sadar, Kegaon and Bhawanipatna Town Police Stations areas).
10.	Khurda	Khurda (badagada, Lingaraj, Baliana, Balugaon, Banapur, Jankia, Balipatna, Khandagiri Police Stations areas).

11.	Keonjhar	Keonjhar (Keonjhar Town, Sadar, Patna, Ghasipura, Ghatagaon, Anandapur, Champua, Joda, Barbil Police Stations. Areas).
12.	Mayurbhanj	Mayurbhanj (Baripada Town, Bangripose, Khunta, Udala, Thakurmunda, Karanjia, Jharpokharia, Rasagovindapur, Barsahi, Police Stations areas)
13.	Nuapada	Nuapada (Sinapali Block area)
14.	Puri	Puri (Sadar, Town, Sea-Beach, Chandrapur, Satyabadi, Brahmagiri, Delang, Kanas, Pipili, Gop, Balanga, Nimapada-krushnaparsad Police Stations Areas)
15.	Sonepur	Sonepur (Sonepur, Birmaharajpur Police Stations areas).
16.	Sundergarh	Sundergarh (Sundergarh Town, Sadar, Lephripada, Hemgiri, Bisra, Rajgangpur and Sector-19 Police Stations areas)

#### **5.16.5 SPECIAL COURTS**

The existing District and Session Courts have been declared as Special Courts, for the trial of the offences under the PoA, Act. Besides three exclusive Special Courts at Cuttack, Bolangir and Balasore have been set up.

#### **5.16.6 PUBLIC PROSECUTORS**

Law Department vide notification dated 28.02.2000 have specified the Public Prosecutors to conduct the cases of offence of atrocities under the PoA Act.

#### **5.16.7 PUBLICITY AND AWARENESS GENERATION**

For sensitization and publicity/public awareness programmes, the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes Research and Training

Institute (SCSTR&TI) conducted awareness training programmes benefitting 290 participants. The Inspector General of Police, SC and ST Protection Cell reported that training programmes have been conducted in atrocity prone districts. The Inspector General of Police has also conducted a Skill Enhancement and Capacity Building Training Programme for imparting skill enhancement of 1109 SC/ST student, 360 Self Help Group of Deogarh and Boudh districts and Police personnels. Advertisements have been published in both English and Odiya newspapers widely circulated for implementation of Sanjog Helpline 155335 launched in Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes Development Department, for awareness of general public. District Collectors and District Welfare Officers of all districts have been instructed.

#### **5.16.8 LEGAL AID**

Legal Aid is given to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes under the Legal Aid and Advice Scheme, 1981, which is administered by the Law Department. Besides, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes litigants are also given legal aid under a Scheme in operation by the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes Development Department to fight-out cases to establish their right, title, interest and possession over the disputed land.

In order to provide legal aid to SC and ST litigants 390 Legal Aid Cells have been opened in 314 Block Headquarters, 46 Sub-Divisional Headquarters and 30 District Headquarters in the State.

#### **5.16.9 RELIEF MEASURES**

During the year 2015, an amount of Rs.417.82 lakhs was released towards economic and social rehabilitation of 1188 victims of atrocities.

#### **5.16.10 TRAVELLING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES TO WITNESSES AND VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES**

The Government of Odisha has revised maintenance expenses to the witnesses and victims of offences of atrocities from Rs.20/- to 100/- for Diet expenses and from Rs.50/- to Rs. 200/- for maintenance expenses.

#### **5.16.10. NON-SC/ST OFFICERS PUNISHED FOR WILFUL NEGLECT OF DUTIES**

For willful neglect of duties for implementing provisions of the PoA Act, one IIC, Pipli Police Station has been dismissed from service.

#### **5.16.11 CONTIGENCY PLAN**

The State Government has formulated a Contingency Plan as required under Rule 15 of the PoA Rules.

#### **5.16.12 REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTORS**

As per the notification dated 07.04.2000 of Home Department, Director Public Prosecution, along with District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police have conducted review of the performance of the Special Public Prosecutors of districts like Keonjhar, Jagatsinghpur, Khandhmal, Ganjam and Dhenkanal during the year 2015.