

## **5.24. UTTARAKHAND**

### **5.24.1 COMMITTEES**

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

The State Level Committee has been constituted under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Minister, to review implementation of the PoA Act.

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

The District Level Committees have been constituted under the Chairpersonship of the concerned District Magistrate, to review implementation of the PoA Act. During the year 2015, 16 meetings were held in 13 districts.

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

Special Inquiry Cell has been set up in each district under the supervision of Superintendent of Police for prompt action. The cases of offences of atrocities against members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are regularly reviewed and whenever any case is reported, the same is immediately registered under the PoA Act. These cases are investigated by the Deputy Superintendent of Police. The matter in regard to, negligence of the duties by the police officials, necessary disciplinary action is taken against them.

### **5.24.3 SPECIAL COURTS**

Exclusive Special Courts are functioning at Nainital and Haridwar districts. In rest of the Districts, the District and Session Courts have been designated as Special Courts for trial of cases of offences under the PoA Act.

#### **5.24.4 IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITY PRONE AREAS**

No atrocity prone areas have been identified in the State.

#### **5.24.5 NODAL OFFICER**

The Secretary, Social Welfare Department has been appointed as the Nodal Officer for coordinating functioning of the District Magistrates, Superintendents of Police and other officers authorized for implementation of provisions of the PoA Act.

#### **5.24.6 PUBLICITY AND AWARENESS GENERATION**

For awareness of the provisions of the PoA Act, workshops are being organized. Police officers are also given training from time to time.

#### **5.24.7 ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REHABILITATION**

Financial assistance is provided to the victims of offences of atrocities in accordance with the provisions of the PoA Rules. During the year 2015, 57 persons were provided assistance.

#### **5.24.8 TRAVELLING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

Travelling and maintenance allowance is provided to the victims, their dependents and witnesses in accordance with the PoA Rules.

#### **5.24.9 LEGAL AID**

The concerned District authorities provide free legal aid to members of SC/ST, in all Districts of the State. During the year 2015, 25 persons were provided such legal aid.