

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 2016, one meeting of this Committee was held.

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 2016, 95 meetings were held in 30 districts.

SUB-DIVISIONAL LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEES

The Sub-Divisional Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have also been constituted under the Chairpersonship of Sub-Divisional Magistrate to review implementation of the PoA Act. During the year 2016, 85 meetings were held in 30 Sub-Divisions.

5.11.2 STATE LEVEL SC AND ST PROTECTION CELL

The Civil Rights Enforcement Cell is functioning since 1975. Subsequently the Cell was redesignated as Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement and 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 REGISTRATION OF CASES AS PER PROVISIONS OF THE AMENDMENT PoA ACT

811 cases of offences of atrocities against the members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were registered as per the provisions of Section 3 of the PoA Act as amended.

5.11.4 INVESTIGATION AND FILING OF THE CHARGE SHEET WITHIN SIXTY DAYS

In accordance with Rule 7 (2) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Rules, 2016, in 321 cases investigation and filing of the charge sheet was done within sixty days and that in 761 cases investigation and filing of the charge sheet was later than sixty days.

5.11.5 SPECIAL COURTS AND EXCLUSIVE 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, Vijapura, Kalaburagi, Kolar, Mysuru, Raichur, Ramnagar and Tumkuru districts.

5.11.6 SPECIFICATION OF SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS AND EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS

Twenty two Special Public Prosecutors were specified for conducting cases in the twenty two designated Special Courts. Further eight Exclusive Special Public Prosecutors were specified for conduct the cases in 8 Exclusive Special Courts.

5.11.7 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 'atrociti prone' areas
1.	Bangalore (U)	-
2.	Bangalore (R)	-
3.	Belagavi	-
4.	Ballari	-
5.	Vijapura	-
6.	Bidar	-
7.	Bagalkot	-
8.	Chikballapur	-
9.	Chikkamagaluru	-
10.	Chitradurga	-
11.	Chamaraja Nagar	-
12.	Dharwad	-
13.	Dakshina Kannada	-
14.	Davanagere	-
15.	Gadag	-
16.	Kalaburagi	-
17.	Haveri	-
18.	Hassan	-
19.	Kolar	-
20.	Koppal	-
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	Tumakuru	-
28	Udupi	-
29	Uttara Kannada	-
30	Yadgir	Yadgiri Taluk Gajarkot

5.11.8. PUBLICITY AND SENSITISATION OF OFFICERS

During the year 2016, 1045 publicity and awareness programmes were conducted. 652 Police officials and 1105 other officials were also sensitized.

5.11.9 CONTINGENCY PLAN

Government of Karnataka has issued notification, prescribing the role and responsibility of the officers responsible for implementation of the PoA Act.

5.11.10 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 2016, 706 persons were provided legal aid.

5.11.11 TRAVELLING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES TO WITNESSES AND VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES

Travelling and Maintenance expenses were provided to the victims of atrocities as well as to witnesses. During the year 2016, 730 persons were provided such expenses.

5.11.12 ECONOMIC & SOCIAL REHABILITATION

During the year 2016, 2329 atrocity victims were provided relief and rehabilitation.

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

During the year 2016, out of 955 cases which ended in acquittal, appeals in 156 cases were filed in superior courts against acquittals.