

5.24. UTTAR PRADESH

5.24.1 COMMITTEES

STATE LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE

The State Level Vigilance and Monitoring 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 Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been constituted in every District under the Chairpersonship of the District Magistrate, to review implementation of the PoA Act. During the year 2016, 147 meetings were held in 75 districts.

5.24.2 STATE LEVEL SC AND ST PROTECTION CELL

A Special Investigation Cell has been functioning at the State level. This Cell comprises of an Additional Director General of Police, an Inspector General of Police, a Deputy Inspector General of Police, a Superintendent of Police, an Additional Superintendent of Police and nine Dy. S.Ps. A Special Investigation Cell has also been set up in all Districts. Each such Cell has one Sub-Inspector, one head constable and two constables. Each Thana in each district in the State has a constable from among Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and 23% of Thanas have Sub-Inspectors/Inspectors from among SC/ST. The Deputy Superintendent of Police is the investigating officer.

A Cell has also been functioning in Social Welfare Department, under the supervision of Secretary, Social Welfare with supporting staff, which looks after the redressal of grievances under the PCR and PoA Acts.

5.24.3 REGISTRATION OF CASES AS PER PROVISIONS OF THE AMENDMENT PoA ACT

9969 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.

5.24.4 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER

NODAL OFFICER

The Special Secretary, Social Welfare Department has been nominated 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.

5.24.5 IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITY PRONE AREAS

No atrocity prone areas have been identified in the State.

5.24.6 EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL COURT

40 Exclusive Special Courts in the Districts of Farrukhabad, Unnao, Basti, Banda, Etawah, Hamirpur, Gonda, Kanpur Nagar, Badaun, Sultanpur, Barabanki, Bulandsahar, Gorakhpur, Varansi, Pilibhit, Etah, Deoria, Jhansi, Faizabad, Agra, Kanpur Rural, Bairach, Lucknow, Jalaun (Urai), Meerut, Gaziabad, Siddarth Nagar, Mirzapur, Chandoli, Balrampur, Fatehpur, Gazipur, Mainpuri, Kannauj, Bareilly, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Hardoi, Shravasti, Bagpat and Jyotiba Phule Nagar, have been set up to conduct trial of offences under the PoA Act. Apart from this, in the remaining 35 districts, Additional District and Session Judge Courts have been designated as a Special Courts, to try offences of atrocities under the PoA Act.

5.24.7 PUBLICITY

Workshops were organized for bringing awareness about the PoA Act and the PoA Rules as amended from time to time. Special Enquiry Cell has published a Handbook on PoA Act and the PoA Rules as amended and distributed to all thanas in the districts of State. Posters and booklets

were also distributed and hoardings/banners were displayed in the districts. Police Officers/officials were also sensitized. Besides, training was also imparted to the police officials in refresher course at Moradabad Training College. The syllabus on the PoA Act as amended has also been included in the training courses for police officials of various training institutes. During the year 2016, 10435 Police Officials were sensitized.

5.24.8 TRAVELLING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES TO WITNESSES AND VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES

Travelling and maintenance expenses to witnesses including victims of atrocities were provided as per PoA Rules, 1995. During the year 2016, 367 persons were provided travelling and maintenance expenses.

5.24.9 ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REHABILITATION

Financial assistance was provided to the victims of offences of atrocities in accordance with the provisions of the PoA Rules. During the year 2016, 11369 persons were provided relief.

5.24.10 LEGAL AID

The concerned District authorities provide free legal aid in all Districts of the State. During the year 2016, 4328 persons were provided such legal aid.

5.24.11 NON-SC/ST OFFICERS PUNISHED FOR WILFUL NEGLECT OF DUTIES

For willful neglect of duties by such officer implement alias provisions of the PoA Act, action against 18 officials was initiated in different districts of the State.