

## **5.25. UTTARAKHAND**

### **5.25.1 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 2017, 7 meetings were held in 7 districts.

### **5.25.2 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 were regularly reviewed and whenever any case was reported, the same was immediately registered under the PoA Act. These cases were investigated by the Deputy Superintendent of Police.

### **5.25.3 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER**

#### **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.

#### **5.25.4 SPECIFICATION AN APPROPRIATE SCHEME TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RIGHTS AND ENTITLEMENTS OF VICTIMS AND WITNESSES IN ACCESSING JUSTICE**

Towards implementing provision of Section 15(A) (ii) of the PoA Act, following steps have been taken by the State Government.

- Copy of recorded FIR is being provided free of cost to the complainant.
- Visit and spot inspections to the place of occurrence of atrocity and are under taken and the District Magistrate/Collector looks into the matter for providing immediate relief to the atrocity victims or their dependents.
- Police protection is provided to the atrocity victims and their dependents.

#### **5.25.5 INVESTIGATION AND FILING OF THE CHARGE SHEET WITHIN SIXTY DAYS**

In 64 cases, investigation and filing of charge sheet was done within sixty days and in 10 cases investigation and filing of charge sheet was done in later than sixty day.

#### **5.25.6 RELIEF AND REHABILITATION OF VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES**

As per the Section 21(2) (iii) of the PoA Act and Rule 12 (4) of the PoA Rules, as amended, none of case in which relief amount was paid to concerned person within seven days.

#### **5.25.7 SPECIAL COURTS**

In each of the districts, the District and Session Courts have been designated as Special Courts, for trial of cases of offences under the PoA Act.

#### **5.25.8 SPECIFICATION OF SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS AND EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS**

Special Public Prosecutors were specified to conduct the cases in designated Special Courts.

#### **5.25.9 IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITY PRONE AREAS**

No atrocity prone areas have been identified in the State.

#### **5.25.10 PUBLICITY AND AWARENESS GENERATION**

For awareness of the provisions of the PoA Act, workshops were organized. Police officers were also sensitized and training was given to them from time to time.

#### **5.25.11 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 2017, 14 persons were provided relief.

#### **5.25.12 TRAVELLING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

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

#### **5.25.13 LEGAL AID**

The concerned District authorities provide free legal aid to members of SC/ST, in all Districts of the State. During the year 2017, two persons were provided such legal aid.