

5.32 PUDUCHERRY

5.32.1 COMMITTEES

STATE LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE

The State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee in the Union Territory of Puducherry under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Minister has been constituted to review implementation of the PoA Act. During the year 2017, one meeting of the Committee was held.

DISTRICT LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE

Action is being taken to constitute the District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees.

5.32.2 STATE LEVEL SC AND ST PROTECTION CELL

The PCR Cell is functioning under the direct supervision of the Superintendent of Police in three enclaves of the Union Territory of Puducherry, namely Karaikal, Puducherry and Yanam. Senior Superintendent of Police (Crime & Investigation) and Director General of Police, Puducherry are closely monitoring functioning of the PCR Cell. The staff members of PCR Cell are frequently visiting rural and urban areas and explaining the provisions of PoA Act to the public and to avoid any hardship to members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

5.32.3 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

A. NODAL OFFICER

The Director, Adi-Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department has been nominated as a Nodal Officer.

B. SPECIAL OFFICER FOR DISTRICT HAVING ATROCITY PRONE AREAS

Although there is no atrocity prone area identified in the UT, yet the Director, Adi-Dravidar Department, Puducherry, Sub-Collector, Karaikal and Regional Administrator, Mahe and Yaam have been appointed as Special Officers.

5.32.4 IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITY PRONE AREAS

There is no atrocity prone area in all the regions of the Union Territory of Puducherry.

5.32.5 SPECIAL COURTS

The Second Additional Session Court, Puducherry has been designated as a Special Court for the whole of Puducherry, to try offences under the PoA Act.

5.32.6 SPECIFICATION OF SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

Special Public Prosecutor has been appointed for trial of cases under the PoA Act.

5.32.7 DIRECTORATE OF PROSECUTION

The Directorate of Prosecution functioning under the control of Law Department is guiding the Prosecution of cases registered by the PCR Cell.

5.32.8 LEGAL AID

Cases under the PoA Act affecting members of Scheduled Castes, are pleaded by the Special Public Prosecutors in Puducherry region and by the Assistant Public Prosecutors in Karaikal and Yanam regions.

5.32.9 TRAVELLING AND MAINTENCE EXPENSES

Travelling and daily allowance to witnesses is given by the Judicial Department, Puducherry.

5.32.10 RELIEF AND REHABILITATION OF VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES

During the year 2017, 49 atrocities victims were provided relief.

5.32.11 PUBLICITY AND TRAING PROGRAMMES

For sensitization of police personnel, contents of the PCR Act and the PoA Act and the Rules there under are taught during their basic training and in-service courses conducted at the Police Training School, Puducherry.