

5.10. JHARKHAND

5.10.1 COMMITTEES

STATE LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE

State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee has been constituted under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Minister to review the implementation of the PoA Act.

DISTRICT LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE

At District Level, Committee functions under the Chairpersonship of the District Collector. During the year 2018, 71 meetings were held in 22 districts of the State.

5.10.2 STATE LEVEL SC AND ST PROTECTION CELL

A Special Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Protection Cell has been constituted under the Crime Investigation Branch of the Police Department to monitor investigation of offences under the PoA Act. The Cell is headed by the Inspector General of Police, CID, Jharkhand. A Special Cell has also been set up in every district.

5.10.3 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

A. NODAL OFFICER

The Secretary, SC/ST/OBC & Minorities Welfare Department, Government of Jharkhand has been appointed as the Nodal Officer.

B. SPECIAL OFFICER FOR DISTRICTS HAVING ATROCITY PRONE AREAS

The Additional Collectors/Additional District Magistrates of all twenty four districts have been appointed as Special Officers.

5.10.4 SPECIAL POLICE STATIONS

Special Police Stations are functioning in 24 districts in the State, viz. Ranchi, Gumla, Simdega, Lohardaga, Chaibasa, Saraikela, Jamshedpur, Hazaribagh, Koderma, Chatra, Giridih, Palamu, Latehar, Garhwa, Dhanbad, Bokaro, Dumka, Godda, Jamtara, Deogarh, Sahebgang, Pakur, Khunti and Ramgarh.

5.10.5 IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITY PRONE AREAS

In the State, no area has been identified as an atrocity prone area.

5.10.6 SPECIAL COURTS AND EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL COURTS

The Special Courts have been set up in 20 districts viz. Gumla, Simdega, Lohardaga, Chaibasa, Saraikela, Jamshedpur, Koderma, Chatra, Giridih, Palamu, Latehar, Garhwa, Bokaro, Dumka, Godda, Jamtara, Sahebgang, Pakur, Ramgarh and Khunti. Besides, four Exclusive Special Courts have been set up in the districts of Ranchi, Hazaribagh, Dhanbad and Deogher for trial of cases under the PoA Act.

5.10.7 SPECIFICATION OF SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS AND EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS

20 Special Public Prosecutors have been appointed for 20 Special Courts and 4 Exclusive Special Public Prosecutors have been appointed for 4 Exclusive Special Courts, for conducting cases under the PoA Act.

5.10.8 PERIODIC SURVEY

Three Periodic surveys were conducted in Lohardaga, Palamu and Jamtara districts in the State.

5.10.9 PUBLICITY AND SENSITISATION OF OFFICERS

For creating awareness amongst public, awareness programmes were conducted from time to time. Hoardings highlighting provisions of the PoA Act were displayed in important places. Workshops were also organized for police/other officials and sensitized about provisions of the Act.

5.10.10 RELIEF TO ATROCITY VICTIMS

During the year 2018, 587 atrocity victims were provided relief and rehabilitation.

5.10.11 LEGAL AID

Legal aid and other facilities were provided subjected to atrocities to enable them to avail themselves of justice. During the year 2018, 556 persons were provided legal aid.

5.10.12 TRAVELLING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES TO WITNESSES AND VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES

Travelling and maintenance expenses to victims of atrocities and witnesses were provided in accordance with the PoA Rules, 1995. During the year 2018, 96 persons were provided travelling and maintenance expenses.

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

During the year 2018, as against 245 cases which ended in acquittal, appeals against acquittals were filed in two cases in superior courts.