

5.9. JHARKHAND

5.9.1 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 2019, 57 meetings were held in 24 districts of the State.

5.9.2 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.

5.9.3 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.

5.9.4 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 66 cases investigation and filing of the charge sheet was done within sixty days and that in 177 cases investigation and filing of the charge sheet was later than sixty days.

5.9.5 SPECIAL POLICE STATIONS

Special Police Stations are functioning in 22 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 and Pakur.

5.9.6 IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITY PRONE AREAS

The Government of Jharkhand has identified following atrocity prone areas in the State: -

S. No.	Identified Districts	Specific areas within District identified as 'atrocity prone' areas
1.	Ranchi	Chanho, Mandar, Ratu, Bubdu, Jagarnathpur, Namkum, Bariyatu and Chutia
2.	Khunti	2 (Rania)
3.	Gumla	Gumla, Dumri and Sisai
4.	Chatra	Sayal, Jaspur, Delho, Khunti Kewal, Burma and Barura
5.	Palamu	Husainabad Sub-Division
6.	Giridih	Bengabad

5.9.7 SPECIAL COURTS AND EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL COURTS

Four Special Courts have been set up in the districts of Ranchi, Hazaribagh, Dhanbad and Deogher for trial of cases under the PoA Act. For the purpose of speedy trial of cases under the PoA Act, the court of Additional District Judge-Ist have been designated as Special Court in 20 District.

5.9.8 SPECIFICATION OF SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS AND EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS

18 Special Public Prosecutors/ Public Prosecutors have been appointed for 18 Special Courts, for conducting cases under the PoA Act.

5.9.9 PERIODIC SURVEY

Three Periodic surveys were conducted in Ranchi, Khunti, East Singhbhum, Gumla, Chatra, Garhwa and Palamu districts in the State.

5.9.10 PUBLICITY AND SENSITISATION OF OFFICERS

For creating awareness amongst public, awareness programmes were conducted by District Administration of East Singhbhum, Jamshedpur, Chatra, Palamu and Lohardaga. Hoardings highlighting provisions of the PoA Act were displayed in important places. 6 Workshops organized Block in Ranchi District, 2 block in Hazaribad District & 4 in Chatra and 51 Hoarding display in Deogarh & Koderma District and 90 police officer 16 other officials and sensitized about provisions of the Act.

5.9.11 RELIEF TO ATROCITY VICTIMS

During the year 2019, 604 atrocity victims were provided relief and rehabilitation.

5.9.12 LEGAL AID

Legal aid and other facilities were provided subjected to atrocities to enable them to avail themselves of justice. During the year 2019, 359 persons were provided legal aid.

5.9.13 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 2019, 74 persons were provided travelling and maintenance expenses.

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

During the year 2019, as against 195 cases which ended in acquittal, appeals against acquittals were filed in no cases in superior courts.