8. JHARKHAND

Newly formulated Jharkhand State has been established w.e.f. 15.11.2000 .

LEGAL AID

As per memorandum issued by undivided Bihar State, the legal aid has been provided to SCs and STs under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. Legal aid upto Rs.1000/-is provided through District Collector.

COMMITTEES

As per the Act and Rules, the District level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee have been set up for effective implementation of the Act. A State level Committee has also been constituted under the Chief Minister to review the cases under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

SPECIAL COURTS

In the State, Chatra and Palamu Districts have been identified for establishing special courts for trial of such cases under the Act.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Officers have been appointed for initiating and exercising supervision over prosecutions. A Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Cell has been established in the Home (Police). A Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Thana has also been set up in Ranchi District in the State.

TRAVELLING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

The travelling and maintenance expenses to the victims of the atrocities and the witnesses under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes(Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 is provided by the State Government