

25. UTTARANCHAL

LEGAL AID

The concerned District authorities provide free legal aid in all Districts of 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.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REHABILITATION

During the year 2002-2003, Rs.47.88 lakhs has been incurred by the State Government towards economic and social rehabilitation of the victims of atrocities. 105 persons/families were benefited.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL OFFICERS

As per the provision of Rule 10 of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995, Additional Secretary, Social Welfare Department has been nominated as Special Officer to coordinate with District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police or other officers responsible for implement the provisions of Act and various committee constituted under the Act. For the commission of offences on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the directions have already been issued to all officers from time to time for immediate registration of such offences under the Act. The investigation of cases is undertake by the Deputy Superintendent of Police and the cases are supervised by Superintendent of Police.

SPECIAL CELLS

Special Police Cell has been set up in each district in Police Department. These Cells monitor investigation of cases of atrocities on SCs & STs. The Deputy Superintendent of Police works under the supervision of Superintendent of Police.

COMMITTEES

Committees have been set up under the Chairpersonship of the District Collector. The Committee looks in to the issues concerning provisions of economic assistance and rehabilitation to affected persons as per the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995.

SPECIAL COURT

Special court has been set up in Nainital district. In rest of Districts, the District & Session Courts have been designated as special courts for trial of cases under the Act .

PERIODIC SURVEYS

No Survey has been conducted during the year 2002-2003.

IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITY PRONE AREAS

No specific area has been identified as atrocity prone area in Uttaranchal, however, the District Administration has been vigilant in this regard and as and when such incident occurs, immediate and prompt action is taken.