

# CHAPTER

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### MEASURES TAKEN BY STATE GOVERNMENTS AND UNION TERRITORY ADMINISTRATIONS

#### 1. ANDHRA PRADESH

##### COMMITTEES

##### STATE AND DISTRICT LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE

A State Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee is functioning under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Minister. The Members of the Committees are Minister for Home, Minister for Finance, Minister for Social Welfare and Tribal Welfare, besides elected Members of Parliament, State Legislative Assembly Tribes and Government Officers. A meeting of the Committee was held on 21.11.2006.

The District Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committees are functioning in all Districts under the Chairpersonship of the District Collectors. The members of the Committee are elected Members of Parliament, Members of State Legislative Assembly, Members of Legislative Council, Superintendent of Police and other officials and non-officials.

##### STATE LEVEL SC/ST PROTECTION CELL

A PCR Cell is functioning in the office of the Additional Director General of Police (CID) to ensure prompt disposal of cases of offences of atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. At present 12 Deputy Superintendents of Police with supporting staff are exclusively dealing with investigation of offences of atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

## **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

### **A. NODAL OFFICER AT THE STATE LEVEL**

The Commissioner of Social Welfare has been designated as the Nodal officer under Rule 9 of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995 for coordinating the functioning of District Magistrates, Superintendents of Police.

### **B. SPECIAL OFFICER FOR DISTRICTS HAVING ATROCITY PRONE AREAS**

The Additional District Magistrate has been appointed as a Special officer to coordinate with the District Magistrate, Superintendent of Police or other officers responsible for implementing the provisions of the Act in the atrocity prone areas.

## **IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITY PRONE AREAS**

The following 12 districts were recognized as atrocity prone areas: -

1. Prakasam
2. Guntur
3. Krishna
4. Nellore
5. Kurnool
6. Cuddapah
7. Mahabubnagar
8. Nizamabad
9. Karimnagar
10. Medak
11. Secunderabad
12. Chittoor

## **SPECIAL COURTS**

12 Special Session Courts and 11 designated Special Session Courts are functioning.

## **PUBLICITY & AWARENESS**

Sensitization workshops were held for field functionaries of Social Welfare, Police and Revenue Departments. A display board depicting provisions of the Act was erected in premises of Police Stations. Media campaign was launched against evils of untouchability through All India Radio and by displaying boards on the back of Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation buses.

## **LEGAL AID**

There is no income limit fixed for eligibility to provide legal aid to the victims of atrocities.

## **TRAVELLING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

Travelling and maintenance allowance is provided to the victims, their dependents and witnesses in accordance with the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995.

## **RELIEF AND REHABILITATION**

The State Government provides for relief and rehabilitation to the victims of offences of atrocities in accordance with Rule 12 of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995.

During the year 2006, an expenditure of Rs. 155.81 lakh was incurred on monetary relief and rehabilitation to 756 victims.