

## **9. HIMACHAL PRADESH**

### **COMMIITTEES**

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

A State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee under the chairpersonship of the Chief Minister reviews implementation of the Act. The District Level Committees have also been functioning under the Chairpersonship of District Magistrate in each District.

### **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

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

Officers of the rank of Additional District Magistrate function as Special Officers and the Deputy Superintendents of Police in each district is the Investigating Officer.

### **PUBLICITY**

Wide awareness generation of the Act is conducted in the SC/ST concentrated areas. During the year, 372 such awareness camps / shibirs were organized and an amount of Rs. 24.44 lakh incurred on camps / shibirs.

### **SPECIAL COURTS**

11 designated special courts are functioning in the State.

### **LEGAL AID**

Legal aid is provided free of cost to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes by the Legal Aid Board of the State Government and no

income limit has been fixed for them. The free legal aid also includes the expenses of Travelling Allowance, Dearness Allowance and expenses of Court fees, etc.

### **RELIEF MEASURES**

Financial assistance is provided to the victims of the offences of atrocities as per the prescribed norms. During the year 2006, an amount of Rs. 6.32 lakh was sanctioned to 41 persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.