

16. ORISSA

COMMITTEES

STATE AND DISTRICT LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE

A State Level High Power Vigilance & Monitoring Committee under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Minister with Scheduled Caste MLAs and non-officials as Members, reviews implementation of the Act.

Likewise, the District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees also continued to review the incidents of atrocities and implementation of the Act.

HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION CELL

The State Government has constituted District Human Right Protection Cell.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER

SPECIAL OFFICER FOR DISTRICTS HAVING ATROCITY PRONE AREAS

The Additional District Magistrates of districts are the Special Officers under Rule 10 of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995.

IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITY PRONE AREAS

The Home Department of the State has identified following atrocity prone areas in the State: -

S.No.	District	Atrocity Prone Areas
1.	Anul	Anul (Pallahara, Chhendipada, Jarapada Police Stations areas).
2.	Bhadrak	Bhadrak (Bhadrak town, Rural (Sadar), Naikanidihi, Dhusuri, Bansada Police Station areas).
3.	Boudh	Boudh (Boudh, Baunsuni, Manamudna, Kantamal, Purunakatak, Harbhanga, Police Stations areas).
4.	Balasore	Balasore (Balasore Town, Khantapara, Industrial Areas, Oupada, Singla, Sadar Police stations areas).
5.	Cuttack	Cuttack (Baramba, Niali, Govindpur Police Stations areas).
6.	Dhenkanal	Dhenkanal (Sadar, Gondia Police Stations areas).
7.	Deogarh	Deogarh (Entire Deogarh District in all the 4 Police Stations areas)
8.	Kandhamal	Kandhamal (Entire Kandhamal District is the atrocity prone area as intimated by the S.P.Kandhamal).
9.	Kalahandi	Kalahandi (Dharmagarh, Junagarh, Jaipatna, Koksara, Sadar, Kegaon and Bhawanipatna Town Police Stations areas).
10.	Khurda	Khurda (badagada, Lingaraj, Baliana, Balugaon, Banapur, Jankia, Balipatna, Khandagiri Police Stations

		areas).
11.	Keonjhar	Keonjhar (Keonjhar Town, Sadar, Patna, Ghasipura, Ghatagaon, Anandapur, Champua, Joda, Barbil Police Stations. Areas).
12.	Mayurbhanj	Mayurbhanj (Baripada Town, Bangripose, Khunta, Udala, Thakurmunda, Karanjia, Jharpokharia, Rasagovindapur, Barsahi, Police Stations areas)
13.	Nuapada	Nuapada (Sinapali Block area)
14.	Puri	Puri (Sadar, Town, Sea-Beach, Chandrapur, Satyabadi, Brahmagiri, Delang, Kanas, Pipili, Gop, Balanga, Nimapada-krushnaparsad Police Stations Areas)
15.	Sonepur	Sonepur (Sonepur, Birmaharajpur Police Stations areas).
16.	Sundergarh	Sundergarh (Sundergarh Town, Sadar, Lephripada, Hemgiri, Bisra, Rajgangpur and Sector-19 Police Stations areas)

PUBLICITY AND AWARENESS GENERATION

Copies of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989 have been translated into Oriya language and circulated amongst various Departments and field functionaries. Wide publicity about the provisions of the Act was given by the Information and Public Relation Department through various mass media.

Further for sensitization of the police personnel and elected representatives about the provisions of the POA Act, all Collectors /Superintendents of Police have been requested to conduct workshops/training camps at the district level. A State level three days workshop was held on 11th and 13th September, 2006.

SPECIAL COURTS

The Courts of all the District and Session Judges and Additional District and Session Judges function as Special Courts for the trial of the offences under the Act.

LEGAL AID

Legal Aid is given to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes under the Legal Aid and Advice Scheme, 1981 which is administered by the Law Department. Besides, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes litigants are also given legal aid under a Scheme in operation by the Scheduled Tribes and scheduled Castes Development Department to fight-out cases to establish their right, title, interest and possession over the disputed land. A sum of Rs. 54,224/- for number of Scheduled Castes beneficiaries was given during the year 2006-07 under this Scheme.

TRAVELLING & MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

The travelling and maintenance expenses to witnesses including victims of atrocities are also provided.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REHABILITATION

The State Government has adopted the scale of relief to the victims of atrocities as per norms prescribed in the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995.

A sum of Rs. 28,98,889/- and Rs. 8,60,350/- was released towards payment of monetary relief to 428 Scheduled Caste persons and 107 Scheduled Tribe persons, respectively, during the year 2006-07.

17. PUNJAB

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State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Minister in accordance with Rule 16 of the SCs/STs (POA) Rules, 1995 reviews the case under the Act. Likewise Districts level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees review the cases under the Act.

PUBLICITY

Wide publicity of the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989 is made by way of organizing seminars, debates and mass lunch at the State and Block level. 442 seminars were organized under the Act in which wide publicity of the Act was made. Boards and hoardings were installed in the State, highlighting the provisions of the Act.

SPECIAL COURTS

Special Courts are functioning under the senior most Additional and District Session Judge.

LEGAL AID

Under Rule 12 of the Punjab Legal Service Authority Act, 1987, free legal aid is provided to the members of Scheduled Castes irrespective of their income.