

5.11 KARNATAKA

5.11.1 COMMITTEE

STATE LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE

A State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Minister reviews implementation of the PoA Act. During the year 2017, one meeting of this Committee was held.

DISTRICT LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE

District Level Committees have also been functioning under the Chairpersonship of the District Magistrate in each District to review implementation of the PoA Act. During the year 2017, 110 meetings were held in 30 districts.

SUB-DIVISIONAL LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEES

The Sub-Divisional Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have also been constituted under the Chairpersonship of Sub-Divisional Magistrate to review implementation of the PoA Act. During the year 2017, 107 meetings were held in 51 Sub-Divisions.

5.11.2 STATE LEVEL SC AND ST PROTECTION CELL

The Civil Rights Enforcement Cell is functioning since 1975. Subsequently the Cell was re-designated as Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement and is headed by an Additional Director General of Police. The Directorate comprises of seven regional offices at Mysore, Mangalore, Belgaum, Davanagere, Gulbarga and Bangalore, under the charge of a Superintendent of Police. Four district units at Kolar, Tumkur, Bagalkot and Bijapur districts are also functioning under the supervision of Deputy Superintendent of Police.

5.11.3 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

NODAL OFFICER

The Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka has been appointed as the Nodal Officer.

5.11.4 INVESTIGATION AND FILING OF THE CHARGE SHEET WITHIN SIXTY DAYS

In accordance with Rule 7 (2) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Rules, 2016, in 1360 cases investigation and filing of the charge sheet was done within sixty days and that in 433 cases investigation and filing of the charge sheet was later than sixty days.

5.11.5 SPECIAL COURTS AND EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL COURTS

For the purpose of speedy trial of cases under the PoA Act, the District Sessions Courts have been designated as Special Courts in 22 districts. Besides, eight Exclusive Special Courts for trial of offences under the PoA Act are functioning at Belagavi, Vijapura, Kalaburagi, Kolar, Mysuru, Raichur, Ramnagar and Tumkuru districts.

5.11.6 SPECIFICATION OF SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS AND EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS

Twenty two Special Public Prosecutors were specified for conducting cases in the twenty two designated Special Courts. Further eight Exclusive Special Public Prosecutors were specified for conduct the cases in eight Exclusive Special Courts.

5.11.7 IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITY PRONE AREAS

The Government of Karnataka has identified following atrocity prone areas in the State: -

| S. No. | Identified Districts | Specific areas within District identified as 'atrocitiy prone' areas |
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| 1. | Bangalore (U) | - |
| 2. | Bangalore (R) | - |
| 3. | Belagavi | - |
| 4. | Ballari | - |
| 5. | Vijapura | - |
| 6. | Bidar | - |
| 7. | Bagalkot | - |
| 8. | Chikballapur | - |
| 9. | Chikkamagaluru | - |
| 10. | Chitradurga | - |
| 11. | Chamaraja Nagar | - |
| 12. | Dharwad | |
| 13. | Dakshina Kannada | |
| 14. | Davanagere | |
| 15. | Gadag | |
| 16. | Kalaburagi | - |
| 17. | Haveri | - |
| 18. | Hassan | - |
| 19. | Kolar | - |
| 20. | Koppal | - |
| 21 | Kodagu | (1) Virajpet Taluka Srimangala (2) Somwarpeth Taluka, Hebbal |
| 22 | Mandya | - |
| 23 | Mysuru | Nanjangud Taluka Kudiapura village, Hunsur Taluka Tripalpura and Hosurugate village Priyapatna Taluka Rajanbeligali Mysurue Taluka Madagalli village |
| 24 | Raichur | - |
| 25 | Ramanagar | - |
| 26 | Shimoga | - |
| 27 | Tumakuru | - |
| 28 | Udupi | - |
| 29 | Uttara Kannada | - |
| 30 | Yadgir | Yadagiri Taluk Gajarkot |

5.11.8 PUBLICITY AND SENSITISATION OF OFFICERS

During the year 2017, 833 publicity and awareness programmes were conducted. 639 Police officials and 14101 other officials were also sensitized.

5.11.9 LEGAL AID

The Karnataka Legal Services Authority extends free services to the members of weaker sections including member of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes whose annual income is below Rs. 25,000/-. The main objective is to provide free legal aid and advice to the eligible persons through State Legal Services Authority, High Court Legal Services Committee, District Legal Services Authority and Taluk Legal Services Committee. During the year 2017, 764 persons were provided legal aid.

5.11.10 TRAVELLING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES TO WITNESSES AND VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES

Travelling and Maintenance expenses were provided to the victims of atrocities as well as to witnesses. During the year 2017, 374 persons were provided such expenses.

5.11.11 ECONOMIC & SOCIAL REHABILITATION

During the year 2017, 2451 atrocity victims were provided relief and rehabilitation.

5.11.12 APPEALS FILED IN SUPERIOR COURTS IN CASES WHICH ENDED IN ACQUITTAL

During the year 2017, out of 983 cases which ended in acquittal, appeals in 13 cases were filed in superior courts against acquittals.