

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

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**No. SW (S) 122/2016/550**

**Dated Shillong, the 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2022**

From      Smti. B.L. Pakyntein, MCS,  
                  Deputy Secretary to the Govt of Meghalaya,  
                  Social Welfare Department

To,

  \ The Director, Government of India,  
                  Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment,  
                  (Department of Social Justice & Empowerment),  
                  Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001

Subject :- Annual Report on the working of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 for the calendar year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.

Ref. :- 1. No. PCR-11016/1/2022-PCR, dt. 24.01.2022.  
          2. No. PCR-11016/1/2022-PCR, dt. 19.09.2022.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to inform that the information sought for the Annual Report on the working of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 for the calendar year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 was furnished to the Ministry vide this Department's letter No. SW (S) 122/2016/545, dt. 31.03.2022 (copy enclosed).

Forwarded for kind information.

Yours faithfully



Deputy Secretary to the Govt of Meghalaya,  
Social Welfare Department

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**No. SW (S) 122/2016/545**

**Dated Shillong, the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022**

From :- Smti. N. Myrboh,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Social Welfare Department

To,

The Under Secretary to the Government of India,  
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment,  
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment,  
Shastry Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001

Subject: - Annual Report on the working of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Protection of Atrocities) (PoA) Act, 1989 and Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 for the calendar year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.

Ref. :-  
1. No. PCR-11016/1/2022-PCR, 24.01.2022.  
2. F. No. PCR-11015/1/2022-PCR, dt. 24.01.2022.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the Ministry's letters on the subject cited above, I am directed to furnish herewith the information as per the prescribed formats of the Ministry on the Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 on the working of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Protection of Atrocities) (PoA) Act, 1989 and Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955.

This is for kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully



Deputy Secretary to the Govt of Meghalaya,  
Social Welfare Department

**THE SCHEDULED CASTES AND THE SCHEDULED TRIBES**

**(PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES) ACT 1989**

**SYNOPSIS**

**FOR PREPARATION OF MATERIAL FOR INCORPORATION IN THE ANNUAL  
REPORT TO BE PREPARED BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FOR BEING  
PLACED IN PARLIAMENT AS PER SECTION 21(4) OF THE ACT**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Replies</b>
1.	Overview of the status of offences of atrocities against members of SCs and STs in the State, and of the steps taken by the State Government/Union Territory Administration towards implementation of the PoA Act as amended by the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2015 (No. 1 of 2016), enforced with effect from 26.01.2016	
2.	Legal aid and other facilities provided to persons subjected to atrocities to enable them to avail themselves of justice (Ref:- Section 21{(2)(i)} of the Act)	
3.	Registration of cases as per provisions of the amended PoA Act. (Ref: Section 3 of the Act as amended)	Registration of cases is being done
4.	Specification an appropriate Scheme to ensure implementation of the rights and entitlements of victims and witnesses in accessing justice. (Ref: Section 15A(11)of the Act.	Steps will be taken as and when cases are registered
5.	Travelling and maintenance expenses paid to witnesses, including the victims of atrocities, during investigation and trial of offences under the Act (Ref: Section 21{(2)(ii)} of the Act as amended)	Steps will be taken as and when cases are registered
6.	Investigation of the case and filling of charge sheet within sixty days (Ref: Rule 7 (2) of the PoA Rules as amended)	Steps will be taken as and when cases are registered

7.	Relief and rehabilitation of victims of atrocities: Provisions of relief within seven days. Provision and necessary authorization by the State Government/UT Administration to the District Magistrate for immediate withdrawal of money from the treasury. (Ref: Section 21(2)(iii) of the Act read with Rule 12(4) and Rule 12 (4A) of the PoA Rules; 1995 as amended)	
8.	Officers appointed for initiating or exercising supervision over prosecutions for contravention of the provisions of the Act: Setting up of SC/ST Protection Cell (Ref: Section 21(2)(iv) of the Act read with Rule 8 of PoA Rules, 1995)--/	Public Prosecutors appointed by Government will be utilised.
9.	Constitution and frequency of conduct of meetings of State, District and Sub-Divisional Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committees and review of implementation of the provisions of the PoA Act, Scheme for the rights and entitlements of victims and witnesses in accessing justice as specified in sub-section (ii) of Section 15A of Chapter IVA of the Act, relief and rehabilitation of atrocity victims, prosecution of cases and review of various reports received by the State Governments/UT Administrations. (Ref: Section 21(2)(v) of PoA Act read with Rule 16, 17& 17A of PoA Rules, 1995 as amended)	
10.	Periodic Survey conducted on the working of the provisions of the PoA Act (Ref: Section 21(2)(vi) of the Act)	-
11.	Areas identified where members of SCs and STs are likely to be subjected to atrocities and measures adopted to ensure their safety (Ref: Section 21(2)(vii) of the Act)	-
12.	Special Courts and Exclusive Special Courts set up for speedy trial of cases under the PoA Act (Ref: Section 14 of the PoA Act as amended)	Special Courts have been set up
13.	Specification of Special Public Prosecutors and Exclusive Public Prosecutors (Ref: Section 15 (1 and 2) of the PoA Act as amended)	The District and Session Judges, Nongstoin, Shillong, Tura, Jowai, Nongpoh and Williamnagar have been designated as Special Court.
14.	Setting up of SC/ST Protection Cells (Ref: Rule 8 of the PoA Rules as amended).-	Protection Cell has been set up in CID under the charge of DIG and SSP, CID.

15.	Special Police Stations set up to investigate offences of atrocities against members of SC/ST.	
16.	Non-SC/ST officers punished for wilful, neglect of duties (Ref: Section 4 of the PoA Act as amended)	No cases reported.
17.	Nodal Officers nominated to co-ordinate functioning of the District Magistrates and Superintendent of Police and other officers, responsible for implementing provisions of the Act. (Ref: Rule 9 of PoA Rules, 1995 as amended)	District Social Welfare Officers can be appointed to coordinate with the District Magistrate / Superintendent of Police and other District stakeholders.
18.	Special Officers appointed for identified areas to co-ordinate with the District magistrate, Superintendent of Police or other officers responsible for implementing the provisions of the Act, various committees and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes Protection Cell (Ref: Rule 10 of PoA Rules, 1995 as amended)	
19.	Implementation of a Plan for effectively implementing provisions of the Act and its notification in the State Gazette (Ref. Rule 15 of PoA Rules, 1995 as amended)	Training imparted to Police Personnel in Police Training School, Shillong.
20.	<b>Steps taken by State Government/Union Territory Administration by way of:</b>	
(i)	Sensitisation, awareness programmes and publicity.	
(ii)	Training programmes to sensitise police and other officers, in regard to provisions of the Act and the Rules, as amended.	
(iii)	Filing of appeals in superior Courts against acquittals.	
(iv)	Recognition of Persons/Organizations for having done explanatory work in prevention of atrocities.	
(v)	Review of performance of Special Public Prosecutors and Exclusive Special Public Prosecutors.	
<b><i>Write-up on the issues at SI. No. 2 to 20 above should be supported by data in formats given in Annexure I to XXIII.</i></b>		

**ANNEXURE I TO XXIII REFERRED TO IN SYNOPSIS, SEEKING  
MATERIAL FOR ANNUAL REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR  
2021, UNDER SECTION 21(4) OF THE SCHEDULED CASTES  
AND THE SCHEDULED TRIBES (PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES)  
ACT, 1989.**

**LEGAL AID AND OTHER FACILITIES PROVIDED TO PERSONS SUBJECTED TO ATROCITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF JUSTICE**

**(Ref: Section 21(2)(i) of the Act)**

State/ UT: MEGHALAYA

**Total number of Districts: 12 (twelve).**

**TRAVELLING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES PAID TO WITNESSES, INCLUDING  
THE VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES, DURING INVESTIGATION AND TRIAL OF  
OFFENCES UNDER THE ACT**

**[Ref. Section 21{(2)(ii)} of the Act]**

**State/ UT: MEGHALAYA**

**Total number of Districts: 12 (twelve)**

**REGISTRATION OF CASES AS PER PROVISIONS OF THE AMENDED PoA ACT**

**State/UT: MEGHALAYA**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Gist of Provision</b>	<b>Number of cases registered</b>
3 (as amended)	Expanded, re-phased and new offences of atrocities under Section 3 of the PoA Act as amended	
		One case has been registered in the East Khasi Hills District
Nil		

**SPECIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE SCHEME TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RIGHTS AND ENTITLEMENTS OF WITNESSES IN ACCESSING JUSTICE**  
(Ref: Section 15A(11) of the Act)

**State: MEGHALAYA**

<b>Chapter of the PoA Act as amended</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Sub-Section</b>	<b>Gist</b>
IV A	15A	11	Specification of an appropriate Scheme to ensure implementation of the rights and entitlement of victims and witnesses in accessing justice as specified in sub-section 11 (a) to (n)
Nil			

### **Annexure - V**

## STEPS TAKEN BY WAY OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REHABILITATION OF VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES: RELIEF TO ATROCITY VICTIMS

(Ref; Section 21(2)(iii) of the Act read with Rule 12(4) of the PoA Rules, 1995, as amended)

State/ UT : MEGHALAYA

Total number of Districts: **12 (twelve)**

***Annexure - VI***

**INVESTIGATION AND FILLING OF THE CHARGE SHEET WITHIN SIXTY DAYS**

**State/ UT: MEGHALAYA**

<b>Rule</b>	<b>Gist of Provision</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	
		<b>Number of cases in which investigation and filling of the charge sheet was done <i>within sixty days</i></b>	<b><i>later than sixty</i></b>
7(2)	Completion of investigation and filing of charge sheet of the PoA related cases in the Special Court / Exclusive Special Court within a period of sixty day.	Nil	

**RELIEF AND REHABILITATION OF VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES**

*(Ref: Section 21(2)(iii) of the Act read with Rule 12 (4) and Rule 12 (4A) of the PoA Rules, 1995 as amended)*

State/UT: **MEGHALAYA**

<b>Rule</b>	<b>Gist of Provision</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	
		Number of cases in which the relief amount was paid to concerned person(s) within <i>seven days</i>	<i>later than seven days</i>
12 (4)	Provisions of relief to the concerned within seven days as per 'Minimum amount of relief specified in Annexure-I of the Schedule of the PoA Rules as amended	Nil	
12 (4) (A)	Authorization by the State Government/UT Administration to the District Magistrate for immediate withdrawal of money from the treasury so as to timely provide relief amount	<b>Whether authorization has been:</b>	
		Done	Not done

**Annexure - VIII**

**OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR INITIATING OR EXERCISING SUPERVISION OVER PROSECUTIONS FOR CONTRAVENTION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT: SETTING UP OF SC/ST PROTECTION CELL**

*(Ref; Section 21(2)(iv) of the Act read with Rule 8 of PoA Rules, 1995)*

State/UT: **MEGHALAYA**

<b>Composition of the Cell</b>	<b>Activity of the Cell</b>	<b>Number</b>
	Surveys of identified areas conducted	Nil
	Investigations done about the probable causes leading to an offence under the Act.	Nil
	Enquiries made about the investigation and spot inspections conducted by various officers.	Nil
	Enquiries made about the wilful negligence by a public servant.	Nil
	Reviews conducted to assess the position of cases registered under the Act.	Nil

**Annexure - IX**

**CONSTITUTION, FREQUENCY OF CONDUCT OF THE MEETINGS OF STATE, DISTRICT AND SUB DIVISIONAL LEVEL VIGILANCE & MONITORING COMMITTEES**

*(Ref: Section 21(2)(v) of PoA Act read with Rule 16, 17 & 17A of PoA Rules, 1995 as amended)*

State/ UT: **MEGHALAYA**

Year

**A. State Level Committee:**

**(a) Whether constituted - Yes**

**(b) Number of meetings held in a calendar year – No meeting held.**

**B. District Level Committees:**

<b>District Level Committee</b>			
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Date of last constitution of the DLVMC</b>	<b>Number of meetings held during the year</b>
	11 (eleven) Districts in the State	No. SW(S) 169/2009/ 540, dt. 29.11.2013.	NIL

**N.B:** A fresh notifications for constituting District Level Committee will be issued for the new District of Eastern West Khasi Hills District carved out of West Khasi Hills District and was created on November, 2021.

**C. Sub Divisional Level Committees (SDVMC):**

<b>Sub Divisional Level Committees</b>			
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Sub Divisional</b>	<b>Date of constitution of the SDVMC</b>	<b>Number of meetings held during the year</b>
	Sohra Sub-Division, Amlarem Sub-Division, Raksamgre Sub-Division, Dadenggre Sub-Division, Mawshynrut Sub-Division. Pynursla Sub-Division, Ranikor Sub-Division. Chokpot Sub-Division.	No. SW(S) 169/2009/ 597, dt. 24.06.2013.	NIL

**PERIODIC SURVEY CONDUCTED ON THE WORKING OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT**

*(Ref: Section 21(2)(vi) of the Act)*

**State/UT: MEGHALAYA**

**Total Number of Districts:** 12 (twelve)

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Where periodic surveys were conducted</b>	
	<b>District</b>	<b>Number of surveys conducted</b>
		Nil
	<b>Total:</b>	

**Annexure - XI**

**AREAS IDENTIFIED WHERE MEMBERS OF SCs AND STs ARE LIKELY TO BE SUBJECTED TO ATROCITIES AND MEASURES ADOPTED TO ENSURE THIS SAFELY**

*(Ref. Section 21(2)(vii) of the Act)*

**State/ UT: MEGHALAYA**

**Total Number of Districts:** - 12 (twelve)

<b>Sr. No</b>	<b>Identified District</b>	<b>Specific areas within District, identified as 'atrocity -prone' areas</b>	<b>Measures taken for the removal of such disability in such areas</b>
	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<b>Total:</b>		

**SPECIAL COURTS AND EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL COURTS SET UP FOR SPEEDY TRIAL OF CASES UNDER THE PoA ACT** (Ref. Section 14 of the PoA Act as amended)

**State/ UT: MEGHALAYA**

**Total Number of Districts:** - 12 (twelve)

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the District where set up</b>	
	<b>Special Courts</b>	<b>Exclusive Special Courts</b>
	District and Session Judge Court has been designated as Special Court in the District.	NIL
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	\\

*Annexure - XIII*

**SPECIFICATION OF SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS AND EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS** *(Ref. Section 15 (1) and (2) of the PoA Act as amended)*

**State: - MEGHALAYA**

Number of		Number of	
Special Courts in the State/UT	Special Public Prosecutors specified for conducting cases in the Special Courts	Exclusive Special Courts in the State/UT	Exclusive Special Public Prosecutors specified for conducting cases in the Exclusive Special Courts
12	NA	NA	NA

**Annexure - XIV**

**SETTING UP OF SC/ST PROTECTION CELL** (Ref. Rule 8 of the PoA Rule as amended)

**State: - MEGHALAYA**

<b>Whether the SC/ST Protection Cell has been set up</b>	<b>Whether the SC / ST Cell is discharging all the responsibility specified in Rule 8 of the PoA Rule</b>	<b>Whether additional responsibility has been entrusted to SC / ST Protection Cell which is other than that specified under Rule 8</b>
Yes	Yes	No

**SPECIAL POLICE STATIONS SET UP TO INVESTIGATE OFFENCES AGAINST  
MEMBERS OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES**

**State: - MEGHALAYA**

**Total number of Districts: - 12 (twelve).**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>District where special police station has been set up</b>		<b>Name of Districts where special police station has not been set up</b>
	<b>Name of the District</b>	<b>Number of Special Police Stations</b>	
			<b>NIL</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>

**NON - SC /ST OFFICERS PUNISHED FOR WILFUL NEGLECT OF DUTIES**

*(Ref: Section 4 of Act as amended)*

**State: - MEGHALAYA**

<b>Number of officers punished for first offence under Section 4 of the PoA Act as amended</b>	<b>Number of officers punished for second and subsequent offence under Section 5 of the PoA Act.</b>
	<b>NIL</b>

**NODAL OFFICERS NOMINATED TO CO-ORDINATE FUNCTIONING OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATES AND SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE AND OTHER OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE ACT**

*(Ref: Rule 9 of PoA Rules, 1995 as amended)*

**State: - MEGHALAYA**

**(i) Whether quarterly progress reports received from the SC/ST Protection Cells.**

No.

**(ii) Whether the review was undertaken of the reports mentioned above.**

No.

**Annexure - XVIII**

**SPECIAL OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR IDENTIFIED AREAS TO CO-ORDINATE WITH THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE OR OTHER OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT, VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND THE SCHEDULED CASTES AND THE SCHEDULED TRIBES PROTECTION CELL**

*(Ref: Rule 10 of PoA Rules, 1995 as amended)*

**State: - MEGHALAYA**

**Total number of Districts:- 12 (twelve)**

Sr. No.	Identified District	Whether Special Officer appointed (Yes/No)	Designation of the Special Officer
			NIL
	Number of Districts	Total Number:	

**IMPLEMENTATION OF A PLAN PREPARED FOR EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTING  
PROVISIONS OF THE ACT AND ITS NOTIFICATION IN THE STATE GAZETTE.**

*(Ref: Rule 15 of PoA Rules, 1995)*

**State: - MEGHALAYA**

1.	Whether the plan has been formulated (Yes/No).	No
2.	If yes, please described its gist, an also attach its copy as required under Rule 15 (2) of the PoA Rules, as amended.	NA

**STEPS TAKEN BY STATE GOVERNMENT/UNION TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION**

**State: - MEGHALAYA**

<b>Number of Publicity / Awareness Programmes conducted</b>	<b>Number of Officers sensitized, amongst</b>	
	<b>Police</b>	<b>Others</b>
NIL	Nil	NIL

*Annexure - XXI*

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

**State: - MEGHALAYA**

<b>Number of cases which ended in acquittal</b>	<b>Number of cases in which appeals filed in superior courts against acquittal</b>
NIL	NIL

***Annexure - XXII***

**ACTION TAKEN TO RECOGNIZED / REWARD PERSONS / ORGANIZATIONS WHO  
HAVE DONE EXEMPLARY WORK IN PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES AND REMOVAL  
OF UNTOUCHABILITY.**

**State: - MEGHALAYA**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of persons rewarded</b>	<b>Work done</b>	<b>Names of Organization rewarded</b>	<b>Work done.</b>
	<b>NIL</b>			

**REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTORS**

*(Ref: Rule 4 (2 & 3) of the PoA Rules as amended)*

**State: MEGHALAYA**

**Names of Special Public Prosecutors and Exclusive Special Public Prosecutors changed for not pleading the PoA Act related cases effectively.**

1.

2.

3.

**NIL**

**Total Number:-**

## **5.15 MEGHALAYA**

### **5.15.1 COMMITTEES**

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

A State Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee under the Chairpersonship of Chief Minister reviews implementation of the PoA Act.

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

The District Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committees have been constituted in all districts of the State, under the Chairpersonship of the District Magistrate to review implementation of the PoA Act.

#### **SUB-DIVISIONAL LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEES**

The Sub-Divisional Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have also been constituted in all Sub-Divisions under the Chairpersonship of Sub-Divisional Magistrate.

### **5.15.2 STATE LEVEL SC AND ST PROTECTION CELL**

The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Protection Cell has been set up at the State Police Headquarters under the supervision of Deputy Inspector General of Police (CID) with supporting staff comprising of Special Superintendent of Police (CID).

### **5.15.3 IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITY PRONE AREAS**

No area has been identified as atrocity prone where the members of Scheduled castes/Scheduled Tribes are likely to be subjected to atrocities.

### **5.15.4 SPECIAL COURTS**

The District and Session Judge Court of each District has been designated as Special Court to try cases under the PoA Act.