

APPENDIX

THE SCHEDULED CASTES AND THE SCHEDULED TRIBES (PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES) ACT, 1989

SYNOPSIS

FOR THE 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

1. **Overview of the status of offences of atrocities against members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes 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 .**
 - (i) An exclusive unit, Social Justice and Human Rights, acts as Protection Cell is monitoring the implementation of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and Rules, 1995. The Unit is headed by the Inspector General of Police supervises functioning of the SJ&HR Units in each Districts.
 - (ii) The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 is being enforced in all the Police Stations in Tamil Nadu. There are 44 SJ&HR Units functioning in the State, each Unit is headed by Deputy Superintendents of Police in Districts and Assistant Commissioners of Police in Cities. One Statistical Inspector is attached to each Unit for collection of statistical information concerning to the Act.
 - (iii) The offences against atrocities cases are being registered immediately in an unbiased manner. During the year 2023, a total number of 2068 cases were registered. In all the districts awareness camps / meetings are conducted to create awareness among public about SCs&STs (PoA) Act, 1989.
 - (iv) **Line of investigation**

Comprehensive memorandum directing the Investigation Officer to proceed in the right line of investigation are being issued from SJ&HR headquarters and to the Commissioners of Police / Superintendents of Police concerned for effective follow-up action.

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).

The District Collectors have been instructed to utilize the funds provided under "Free Legal Aid Scheme" vide (G.O (Ms.) No.373, Home (Court. I) Department, dated 09.03.95) for those who requested for the Free Legal Aid.

All cases requesting free legal aid are brought under Free Legal Aid Scheme, implemented through the Tamil Nadu Legal Services Authority, throughout the State.

3. Registration of cases as per provisions of the amended PoA Act. (Ref: Section 3 of the Act as amended).

In the year 2023, a total number of 2068 cases were registered under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

4. Specification of 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).

The Rights and entitlements of victims and witnesses in accessing justice as specified in Sub-section (11) of Section 15A of Chapter IVA of the Act are complied with, for each case registered under this Act.

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).

The Government in G.O. Ms. No. 32, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare(1) Department, dated 27.05.2016 have created a Head of Account and allotted Rupees 10 Lakhs as the expenditure of TA/DA/Maintenance expenses to the SC/ST victims and the Witnesses of atrocity cases and the same has to be disbursed through Commissioners of Police in Cities and Superintendents of Police in Districts instead of District Collectors.

The Government annually sanctions Rupees 10 Lakhs in the Budget for the purpose of TA/DA/Maintenance expenses to the SC/ST victims and the Witnesses of atrocity cases and the same has been distributed to all Commissioners of Police in Cities and Superintendents of Police in Districts for above utilization.

6. Investigation of the case and filing of charge sheet within sixty days (Ref: Rule 7(2) of the PoA Rules as amended).

As per the amended Rules, all effective measures are being taken to conclude the investigation of the case and file the final report (charge sheet) within a period of sixty days and to explain the delay if any, in writing to the court concerned.

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 the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes Protection Cell (Ref: Section 21 (2)(iv) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Prevention of Atrocities Rules, 1995).

The Social Justice and Human Rights Wing is acting as the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Protection Cell in the State and monitors the enforcement of SCs&STs (PoA) Act, 1989.

9. Constitution and frequency of meetings of State, District and Sub-Divisional Level Vigilance and 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).

State Level High Power Vigilance and Monitoring Committee

As per G.O (Ms). No. 56, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department dated 20.07.2021, the State Level High Power Vigilance and Monitoring Committee has been formed under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. The State Level High Power Vigilance and Monitoring Committee was conducted on 11.04.2023.

District Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee

In G.O.(Ms)No.33, AD&TW, Dated 22.02.1996, orders have been issued for the constitution of District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee as stipulated in Rule 17(1) of Scheduled Castes /Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rule 1995. Accordingly, the District Collectors have constituted the committee in all the Districts. Strict instructions have already been issued by the Government to all the District Collectors to conduct District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee meeting at least once in three months to review the implementation of the provisions of the Act, relief and rehabilitation facilities provided to the victims and discuss other matters concerned with prosecution of cases. The regular conduct of the meeting by the District Collectors are being monitored during the Law and Order meeting conducted by the Chief Secretary to Government. During the year 2023, most of the Districts have conducted the committee meetings in all the 4 quarters. The District Collectors who have conducted 4 meetings have been instructed to conduct the meetings regularly and the situation is improving in the year 2023.

Sub-Division Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee

In G.O.(Ms) No.6, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department dated 20.01.2015, orders were issued to all the District Collectors to constitute Sub-Divisional Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee in their respective revenue divisions. The Committees have been constituted nearly 38 Districts and strict instructions have been issued to constitute the committee in the remaining districts so as to conduct the meetings as stipulated in Rule 17(A) of Scheduled Castes of Scheduled Tribes (POA)Rule 1995. The conduct of above meetings are also being monitored regularly.

Monthly meeting is conducted by Secretary to Government, AD&TW Department to sensitize the Officers

10. Periodic Survey conducted on the working of the provisions of the PoA Act (Ref: Section 21(2)(vi) of the Act)

In SJ&HR Unit periodic survey on the working of the provisions of the PoA Act is not being conducted. Annual survey to identify the atrocity prone villages and to improve the basic amenities in the villages are being done.

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).

Annual survey to identify the atrocity prone areas and to improve the basic amenities in the areas is being done. For the year 2023, 394 areas have been indentify as Atrocity Prone Areas. In these areas periodically awareness campaign and sensitization programmes are being conducted by the DSP/ACP, SJ&HR in each Districts.

About 3221 awareness campaign were conducted in the year 2023. In these programmes the SJ&HR Unit organize a meeting with all Community Leaders / Members and discuss issues relating to welfare and upliftment of SC/ST Communities.

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)

Exclusive Special Courts have been formed as per the Section-15(A) (2) (iii) of PCR Act and Section 14 of SCs&STs (POA) Act, 1989. 19 Exclusive Special Courts have been established in the State. These Special Courts have been exclusively created for speedy disposal of cases.

- In the year 1981, four Exclusive Special Courts were ordered & started functioning from the year 1981 for conducting trial in Tiruchirapalli, Thanjavur, Madurai and Tirunelveli.
- Two Exclusive Special Courts were ordered & started functioning from the year 2013 in Villupuram and Sivagangai.

- Four Exclusive Special Courts were ordered & started functioning from the year 2017 in Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Srivilliputhur and Pudukottai.
- Four Exclusive Special Courts were ordered & started functioning from the year 2018 in Cuddalore, Namakkal, Theni and Thiruvannamalai.
- Three Exclusive Special Courts were ordered & started functioning from the year 2020 in Vellore, Perambalur and Thoothukudi.
- One Exclusive Special Court was ordered and started functioning from the year 2023 in Coimbatore District.
- One Exclusive Special Court was ordered and started functioning from the year 2024 in Salem District.

As of now 19 Exclusive Special Court are functional.

- 4 More Exclusive Special Courts to be made functional in Kanniyakumari (Nagercoil), Kanchipuram, Tiruppur and Tiruvarur Districts.

Out of 38 Districts, 19 Exclusive Special Court are functioning (for 27 districts) and in the remaining 11 Districts Sessions Courts are designated as Special Court for conducting Trial.

13. Specification of Special Public Prosecutors and Exclusive Public Prosecutors (Ref : Section 15 (1 and 2) of the PoA Act as amended)

Appointment of Special Public Prosecutor and Exclusive Public Prosecutor as per Section-15(1) and (2) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and supervision of prosecution and submission of report as per Rule-4 of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995. Accordingly at present, 32 Special Public Prosecutors are in charge of prosecution in the Special Courts / Designated Courts of all the Districts.

14. Setting up of SC/ST Protection Cells (Ref : Rule 8 of the PoA Rules as amended)

The Social Justice and Human Rights unit acts as the SC/ST Protection Cell.

At State Level:

The Inspector General of Police, Social Justice and Human Rights, Chennai monitor the enforcement of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 cases and supervise the functioning of the Social Justice and Human Rights Units. The Social Justice and Human Rights Headquarters Office is functioning in the Director General of Police Office Complex, Mylapore, Chennai - 4. A research division in the headquarters with one Economist to assist the ADGP/IGP, SJ&HR.

The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 is being enforced in all the Police Stations in Tamil Nadu. In addition, there are 38 posts of Deputy Superintendent of Police sanctioned to monitor the atrocity cases against the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.

At District Level:

In each District / Commissionerate, one Unit of Social Justice and Human Rights headed by a Deputy Superintendent of Police / Assistant Commissioner of Police with supporting staff is functioning under the direct control of the City Commissioner of Police / District Superintendent of Police. They are assisting the investigation of the cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

The Social Justice and Human Rights Units are effectively monitoring the enforcement of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

15. Special Police Stations set up to investigate offences of atrocities against the members of SC/ST.

All Police stations in the State are empowered to register cases under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and there are no Special Police Stations set up in this regard.

16. NonSC/ST Officers punished for wilful neglect of duties (Ref: Section 4 of the PoA Act as amended).

So far there are no adverse reports of willful negligence against the Officers of the non-Scheduled Castes and non-Scheduled Tribes.

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).

In G.O (Ms).No.18, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare (PA) Department dated 20.01.2003 orders have been issued appointing the Secretary to Government, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department as the Nodal Officer for co-ordinating the functioning of the District Magistrates, Superintendents of Police and other officers authorized for implementing the Protection of Civil Rights Act,1955 and SCs/STs(POA) Act,1989. Monthly review meetings are being conducted with the Additional Director General of Police, Social Justice and Human Rights to review the implementation of the Act.

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).

In G.O.(Ms).No.96, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare (PA) Department dated 10.08.2006 orders have been issued appointing all the District Collectors as Special Officers for proper implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act 1955 and Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989. In Government Letter No. 9685/PA2/ 2015-9, dated:06.03.2017 suitable instructions have been issued to all the District Collectors to discharge their duties as stipulated in Rule 10 of PoA Rules 1995 and send reports to the Government.

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).

The Model Contingency Plan under Rule 15 of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995 and the Amended Rules, 2016 notified in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette on 1.9.2017 formulated by the Government of Tamil Nadu has been communicated to all Commissioners of Police in Cities and all Superintendents of Police in Districts for necessary action.

20. Steps taken by State Government/Union Territory Administration by way of:

(i) Sensitization, Awareness Programmes and publicity.

a. Campaign for the prevention of atrocities:

The public are made aware of the evils of atrocities against the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.

"Manitha Neya Vara Vizha" is celebrated in all the districts from 24th to 30th January every year for creating awareness among the people by the Director of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department.

b. Social Justice Meeting:-

All DSPs / ACPs of Social Justice and Human Rights Unit were instructed by the Inspector General of Police, Social Justice and Human Rights to visit Atrocity Prone Villages and organize a meeting with all Community Leaders / Members and discuss issues relating to welfare and upliftment of SC/ST Communities. They shall also make attempts to resolve the standing trivial conflicts among the Communities. Accordingly, the DSPs / ACPs are conducting the Awareness Programmes in their respective Units 3221 Awareness campaigns were conducted in 2023 by Social Justice and Human Rights Unit.

(ii) Training Programmes to sensitise police and other officers, in regard to provisions of the Act and the Rules, as amended.

The DSsP / ACsP of Social Justice and Human Rights Unit are being sensitized at Headquarters during periodical review meeting.

Refresher training courses for Investigating Officers are conducted regularly by the In-Service training centers (all over Tamil Nadu), Police Training College and Tamil Nadu Police Academy and a separate capsule course has been designed for the purpose of creating awareness among Officers with regard to the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

A training Programme conducted for Revenue and Police Officials (around 1000 Officers) throughout the State under the title "Samathuvam Kaanbom" to sensitize the officials for effective implementation of SCs & STs (PoA) Act and Rules and to approach the issues with social and ethical views towards victims to provide timely relief, awareness, rehabilitation and assured livelihood.

(iii) Filing of Appeals in superior Courts against acquittals.

During the year 2023, a total number of 1093 cases have ended in acquittal. Legal opinion is obtained from Public Prosecutors to prefer appeals.

(iv) Recognition of persons / Organizations for having done exemplary work in prevention of atrocities.

Time to time Social Justice and Human Rights Officers are appreciated and given each rewards for their good work done by the Senior Officers.

(v) Review of performance of Special Public Prosecutors and Exclusive Special Public Prosecutors.

As stipulated in Rule 4 of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (PoA) Rules 1995, the District Collectors / District Magistrates have been instructed to implement the Rule 4 (1A) of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and Amended rules 2016, by empowering the Director of prosecution to draw a panel consisting cases in the Special Courts and exclusive Special Courts. And further direct them to review the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act cases, along with the officers incharge of prosecution at district level (Deputy Director of Prosecution) and send the monthly report to Directorate on or before 10th of every month for consolidation and onward transmission to the Government.

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Annexure-I

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 : Tamil Nadu

Total number of Districts : 38

Sl. No.	District	Number of persons provided legal aid and other facilities								
		Male			Female			Total (Male+Female)		
		SC	ST	Total	SC	ST	Total	SC	ST	Total
		-NIL-								
		<p>In the Government letter No.22231/PA2/2005-3, Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare Department, Dated 19.10.2005 the Government have informed that the victims of atrocities can avail the free legal aid scheme which is implemented through the Tamil Nadu legal services authority.</p> <p>As per G.O. (Ms) No.373, Home (Court I) Department, Dated 09.03.1995 the District Collectors/ District Magistrate are empowered to utilize the funds under the head of "Free Legal Aid Scheme" for those who request the Free Legal Aid services. Hence, whenever the victims requesting for free legal aid service are being provided free legal aid service under the above said scheme.</p>								

Annexure -II

**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 : Tamil Nadu

Total number of Districts : 46 (37 Districts + 9 Commissionerates)

S. NO.	Districts	Male			Female			Total		
		SC	ST	Total	SC	ST	Total	SC	ST	Total
1	Chennai City	19	-	19	14	-	14	33	0	33
2	Avadi City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Tambaram City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Tiruvallur	18	5	23	15	4	19	33	9	42
5	Kanchipuram	4	0	4	3	0	3	7	0	7
6	Chengalpet	6	0	6	2	0	2	8	0	8
7	Villupuram	259	41	300	65	23	88	324	64	388
8	Kallakurichi	28	4	32	1	0	1	29	4	33
9	Cuddalore	69	0	69	11	0	11	80	0	80
10	Vellore	244	4	248	99	3	102	343	7	350
11	Ranipet	81	4	85	30	2	32	111	6	117
12	Tirupathur	45	-	45	21	-	21	66	0	66
13	Tiruvannamalai	91	3	94	25	2	27	116	5	121
14	Salem city	105	-	105	27	-	27	132	0	132
15	Salem district	16	6	22	7	1	8	23	7	30
16	Namakkal	31	5	36	17	3	20	48	8	56
17	Krishnagiri	7	0	7	-	-	0	7	0	7
18	Dharmapuri	56	-	56	33	-	33	89	0	89
19	Coimbatore city	3	0	3	8	0	8	11	0	11
20	Coimbatore Dist	62	5	67	16	1	17	78	6	84
21	Tiruppur City	6	-	6	11	0	11	17	0	17
22	Tiruppur Dist	73	0	73	23	0	23	96	0	96
23	Erode	55	5	60	26	2	28	81	7	88
24	Nilgiris	18	1	19	13	2	15	31	3	34
25	Trichy city	82	0	82	33	0	33	115	0	115
26	Trichy District	126	0	126	39	0	39	165	0	165
27	Pudukkottai	23	0	23	5	0	5	28	0	28
28	Karur	22	0	22	4	0	4	26	0	26
29	Perambalur	11	0	11	3	0	3	14	0	14
30	Ariyalur	37	0	37	17	0	17	54	0	54
31	Thanjavur	34	0	34	9	0	9	43	0	43
32	Tiruvarur	30	0	30	5	0	5	35	0	35
33	Nagapattinam	11	0	11	5	0	5	16	0	16
34	Mayiladuthurai	0	0	0	-	-	0	0	0	0
35	Dindigul	26	0	26	14	0	14	40	0	40

36	Theni	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
37	Madurai city	20	-	20	11	-	11	31	0	31
38	Madurai District	62	0	62	18	0	18	80	0	80
39	Virudhunagar	81	0	81	37	0	37	118	0	118
40	Ramnad	97	0	97	30	0	30	127	0	127
41	Sivagangai	91	-	91	27	-	27	118	0	118
42	Tirunelveli city	9	-	9	3	-	3	12	0	12
43	Tirunelveli Dist	241	-	241	46	-	46	287	-	287
44	Thengasi	64	0	64	16	0	16	80	0	80
45	Thoothukudi	22	0	22	13	0	13	35	0	35
46	Kanniyakumari	24	2	26	8	5	13	32	7	39
Total		2410	85	2495	810	48	858	3220	133	3353

Annexure – III

REGISTRATION OF CASES AS PER PROVISIONS OF THE AMENDED POA ACT

State / UT : Tamil Nadu

Section	Gist of Provision	Number of cases registered for the year 2023
3 (as amended)	Expanded, re-phased and new offences of atrocities under Section 3 of the PoA Act, as amended	2068

Annexure – IV

**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 / UT : Tamil Nadu

Chapter of the PoA Act as amended	Section	Sub-Section	Gist
IVA	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)

The Rights and entitlements of victims and witnesses in accessing justice as specified in Sub-section (11) of Section 15A of Chapter IVA of the Act are complied with in each case registered under this Act.

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 Prevention of Atrocities Rules 1995, as amended)

Sl. No.	District	Number of atrocity victims provided relief								
		Male			Female			Total (Male + Female)		
		SC	ST	Total	SC	ST	Total	SC	ST	Total
1	Ariyalur	22	1	23	15	1	16	37	2	39
2	Chengalpet	25	0	25	11	0	11	36	0	36
3	Chennai	1	0	1	18	0	18	19	0	19
4	Coimbatore	36	2	38	34	7	41	70	9	79
5	Cuddalore	157	7	164	61	3	64	218	10	218
6	Dharmapuri	38	3	41	17	3	20	41	20	61
7	Dindigul	46	1	47	56	1	57	102	2	104
8	Erode	45	3	48	23	3	26	68	6	74
9	Kanchipuram	13	0	13	22	1	23	35	1	36
10	Kanniyakumari	9	0	9	12	0	12	21	0	21
11	Karur	54	0	54	38	0	38	54	38	92
12	Krishnagiri	39	0	39	26	1	27	65	1	66
13	Kallakurichi	109	0	109	58	1	59	167	1	168
14	Madurai	184	0	184	181	0	181	365	0	365
15	Mayiladuthurai	68	0	68	24	0	24	92	0	92
16	Nagappatinam	5	0	5	6	0	6	11	0	11
17	Namakkal	52	0	52	33	0	33	85	0	85
18	Nilgris	2	18	20	5	6	11	7	24	31
19	Perambalur	83	0	83	39	0	39	122	0	122
20	Pudukottai	149	0	149	45	0	45	194	0	194
21	Ramanathapuram	67	0	67	27	0	27	94	0	94
22	Ranipet	17	0	17	17	0	17	17	17	34
23	Salem	65	1	66	75	3	78	140	4	144
24	Sivagangai	69	0	69	25	0	25	94	0	94
25	Tenkasi	86	0	86	56	0	56	142	0	142
26	Thanjavore	391	0	391	122	0	122	513	0	513
27	Theni	76	0	76	41	0	41	117	0	117
28	Tiruppur	40	1	41	30	0	30	70	1	71
29	Tiruvallur	54	0	54	47	1	48	54	48	102
30	Tiruvarur	75	0	75	16	0	16	91	0	91
31	Thoothukudi	46	0	46	39	0	39	85	0	85
32	Trichy	123	0	123	51	0	51	174	0	174

33	Tirunelveli	159	1	160	68	0	68	227	1	228
34	Thirupattur	25	0	25	25	1	26	25	26	51
35	Tiruvannamalai	103	24	127	19	5	24	122	29	151
36	Vellore	16	9	25	23	6	29	39	15	54
37	Villupuram	118	17	135	77	18	95	195	35	230
38	Virudhunagar	118	0	118	75	0	75	193	0	193
Total			88	2873	1557	61	1618	4201	290	4481

Annexure-VI

INVESTIGATION AND FILLING OF THE CHARGE SHEET WITHIN SIXTY DAYS

State / UT : Tamil Nadu

Rule	Gist of Provision	Action taken Number of cases in which investigation and filing of the charge sheet was done in the year 2022:-	
		Within sixty days	Later than sixty days
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	886	731 (Investigating Officers have explained to the concerned Court in writing on the reason for delay)

Annexure – VII

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 : Tamil Nadu

Rule	Gist of Provision	Action Taken	
		Number of cases in which the relief amount was paid to concerned person(s) within:	
12(4)	Provisions of relief to the concerned within seven days as per 'Minimum amount of relief' specified in annexure-I of the PoA Rules as amended.	Seven days	Later than seven days
		52	4020
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.	Authorization 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 Prevention of Atrocities Rules, 1995)

State : Tamil Nadu

Composition of the Cell	Activity of the Cell	Number/Remarks
The Social Justice and Human Rights Wing acts as the SC/ST Protection Cell. One Inspector General of Police, One Assistant Inspector General of Police, 38 Deputy Superintendents of Police, 33 Statistical Inspectors for 44 SJ&HR units along with other supporting staff are monitoring the cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.	Survey of identified areas conducted	Regular Survey is done by the Unit officials and Statistical Inspectors to find out atrocity prone areas (394 areas were identified in the year 2023 as atrocities prone areas).
	Investigations done about the probable causes leading to an offence under the Act.	The Investigation Officers are exclusively nominated by the COPs/SPs, not below the rank of DSP/ACP. The SJ&HR unit assists and monitors the investigation of the cases.
	Enquiries made about the investigation and spot inspections conducted by various officers.	As and when the offences of atrocities are reported the District SPs, IOs, SJ&HR Officers and other senior Officers visit the spot for enquires in the investigations.
	Enquiries made about the willful negligence by a public servant.	There are no adverse reports of willful negligence against the Officer of the non-Scheduled Castes and non-Scheduled Tribes have been reported.
	Reviews conducted to assess the position of cases registered under the Act	Periodical review meetings are being conducted at various level for effective implementation of the Act.

Annexure-IX

CONSTITUTION FREQUENCY OF CONDUCT OF THE MEETING OF STATE, DISTRICT AND SUB DIVISIONAL LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEES

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

State : Tamil Nadu

Total number of Districts : 38

A. State Level Committee :

(a) Whether constituted : Yes

(b) Number of meetings held in a calender year : 1

B. District Level Committees :

Sl. No.	District	Date of last constitution of the DLVMC	Number of meetings held during the year
1	Ariyalur.	14.08.2021	4
2	Chengalpet	11.12.2020	4
3	Chennai	09.04.2020	4
4	Coimbatore	23.12.2021	4
5	Cuddalore	07.12.2023	3
6	Dharmapuri	25.02.2022	4
7	Dindigul	29.12.2023	3
8	Erode	26.08.2021	4
9	Kanchipuram	12.10.2020	4
10	Kanniyakumari	24.07.2021	4
11	Karur	16.07.2022	4
12	Krishnagiri	16.12.2021	3
13	Kallakurichi	11.08.2021	4
14	Madurai	07.03.2022	4
15	Mayiladuthurai	11.08.2021	4
16	Nagappatinam	25.03.2023	3

17	Namakkal	11.08.2023	4
18	Nilgris	17.11.2021	3
19	Perambalur	07.08.2022	3
20	Pudukottai	25.06.2021	4
21	Ramanathapuram	09.11.2021	4
22	Ranipet	06.09.2021	4
23	Salem	06.01.2023	4
24	Sivagangai	07.09.2021	3
25	Tenkasi	25.02.2022	3
26	Thanjavore	31.12.2021	3
27	Theri	27.10.2021	4
28	Tiruppur	26.12.2022	4
29	Tiruvallur	21.04.2017	4
30	Tiruvarur	16.08.2021	4
31	Thoothukudi	24.01.2024	4
32	Trichy	30.09.2021	4
33	Tirunelveli	29.12.2022	3
34	Thirupattur	29.08.2020	4
35	Tiruvannamalai	14.09.2021	4
36	Vellore	05.01.2024	3
37	Villupuram	12.08.2021	4
38	Virudhunagar	12.04.2023	4
TOTAL			141

C. Sub Divisional Level Committees (SDVMC):

Sl. No.	Sub - Division	Date of last constitution of the SDLVMC	Number of meetings held during the year
1	RDO, Ariyalur	Nil	2
2	RDO, Udayarpalayam	Nil	4
3	RDO, Chengalpet	10.12.2021	3
4	RDO, Madhuranthagam	15.12.2021	3
5	RDO, Tambaram	15.12.2021	3
6	RDO, Central Chennai	18.09.2020	Nil
7	RDO, South Chennai	21.10.2020	Nil
8	RDO, North Chennai	27.11.2020	Nil
9	RDO, Coimbatore (North)	19.12.2021	4
10	RDO, Coimbatore (South)	06.08.2021	4
11	RDO, Pollachi	07.12.2021	4
12	RDO, Cuddalore	Nil	Nil
13	RDO, Chidambaram	Nil	Nil
14	RDO, Virudhachalam	Nil	Nil
15	RDO, Dharmapuri	17.02.2022	Nil
16	RDO, Harur	03.03.2022	4
17	RDO, Dindigul	25.10.2023	3
18	RDO, Palani	Nil	Nil
19	RDO, Kodaikanal	Nil	Nil
20	RDO, Erode	Nil	4
21	RDO, Gopichetipalayam	Nil	4
22	RDO, Kanchipuram	30.07.2021	3
23	RDO, Sriperambathur	Nil	1
24	RDO, Nagarkoil	17.08.2021	4
25	RDO, Padmanapuram	22.10.2021	3

26	RDO, Karur	26.10.2022	3
27	RDO, Kulithalai	27.10.2022	3
28	RDO, Krishnagiri	22.09.2021	Nil
29	RDO, Hosur	13.08.2021	Nil
30	RDO, Kallakurichi	05.09.2020	Nil
31	RDO, Thirukkovilur	07.09.2020	Nil
32	RDO, Madurai	30.04.2022	2
33	RDO, Usilampatti	23.03.2022	Nil
34	RDO, Melur	12.08.2021	2
35	RDO, Tirumangalam	18.03.2021	0
36	RDO, Sirkazhi	23.06.2021	2
37	RDO, Mayiladudurai	18.04.2021	2
38	RDO, Nagapattinam	Nil	Nil
39	RDO, Vedharanyam	2	2
40	RDO, Namakkal	14.05.2023	1
41	RDO, Thiruchengodu	Nil	Nil
42	RDO, Goodalore	Nil	Nil
43	RDO, Cunnor	Nil	Nil
44	RDO, Ooty	Nil	Nil
45	RDO, Perambalur	27.12.2022	2
46	RDO, Pudukottai	28.11.2020	3
47	RDO, Aranthangi	Nil	Nil
48	RDO, Illupur	Nil	Nil
49	RDO, Ramanathapuram	Nil	3
50	RDO, Paramakudi	Nil	3
51	RDO, Ranipet	08.09.2020	2
52	RDO, Arakkonam	12.09.2020	2

53	Sub Collector, Mettur	Nil	Nil
54	RDO, Salem	19.12.2023	1
55	RDO, Attur	17.08.2023	1
56	RDO, Sankari	Nil	Nil
57	RDO, Sivagangai	07.09.2021	1
58	RDO, Devakottai	07.09.2021	1
59	RDO, Tenkasi	Nil	Nil
60	RDO, Sankarankoil	Nil	Nil
61	RDO, Thanjavore	Nil	Nil
62	RDO, Kumbakonam	Nil	Nil
63	RDO, Patukkotai	Nil	Nil
64	RDO, Periyakulam	27.10.2021	4
65	RDO, Uthamapalayam	27.10.2021	2
66	RDO, Tiruppur	24.11.2021	4
67	RDO, Dharapuram	20.12.2022	4
68	RDO, Udumalpet	11.11.2021	4
69	RDO, Tiruvallur	24.01.2022	2
70	RDO, Tiruthani	25.01.2021	1
71	RDO, Ponneri	02.03.2022	1
72	RDO, Tiruvarur	30.09.2021	4
73	RDO, Mannarkudi	06.09.2021	4
74	Sub Collector, Thoothukudi	Nil	Nil
75	RDO, Thiruchendur	Nil	Nil
76	RDO, Kovilpatti	Nil	Nil
77	Asst. Collector, Musiri	05.10.2021	3
78	RDO, Trichy	30.11.2021	3

79	RDO, Lalgudi	30.11.2021	3
80	RDO, Srirangam	19.06.2021	3
81	RDO, Tirunelveli	0	2
82	RDO, Cheramadevi	Nil	Nil
83	RDO, Thirupattur	21.03 .2023	2
84	RDO, Vanniyambadi	21.03.2023	2
85	RDO, Tiruvannamalai	Nil	Nil
86	RDO, Cheyyar	09.03.2020	Nil
87	RDO, Arani	Nil	Nil
88	RDO, Vellore	Nil	Nil
89	RDO, Gudiyatham	Nil	Nil
90	RDO, Villupuram	Nil	Nil
91	RDO, Tindivanam	13.08.2021	2
92	RDO, Sattur	16.06.2020	3
93	RDO, Aruppukottai	16.06.2020	3
94	RDO, Sivakasi	16.06.2020	3
TOTAL			152

Annexure-X

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

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

State : TAMIL NADU

Total Number of Districts/ Cities : 46 (37 Districts + 9 Commissionerates)

SI.No.	Where periodic surveys were conducted	
	District	Number of surveys conducted
	<i>In SJ&HR Unit periodic survey on the working of the provisions of the PoA Act is not being conducted. Annual survey to identify the atrocity prone villages and to improve the basic amenities in the villages are being done.</i>	

Annexure-XI

**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)

State/UT : Tamil Nadu

Total Number of Districts: 46 (37 Districts + 9 Commissionerates)

Sl. No.	Total no. of Districts and Commissionerates	Specific areas within District, identified as 'atrocitiy-prone' areas.	Measures taken for the removal of such disability in such areas
	37 Districts and 9 Commissionerates	<p>In 37 districts, 346 areas have been identified as 'atrocitiy-prone'.</p> <p>In 9 commissionerates, 48 areas have been identified as 'atrocitiy-prone'.</p>	<p>The areas are surveyed by the Staff of Social Justice and Human Rights Units in the districts and developments if any are brought to the notice of Superintendent of Police and Collector for taking precautionary and preventive measures to strengthen communal harmony among the people.</p> <p>More than 3200 such awareness campaigns were conducted in the year 2023.</p>

Annexure-XII

**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 : Tamil Nadu

Total Number of Districts : 38

Sl. No.	District	
	Where courts has been set up	
	Special Court (As per Section 14 of the Act)	Exclusive Special Courts
	1. Chennai 2. Thiruvallur 3. Kancheepuram 4. Chengalpet 5. Krishnagiri 6. Dharmapuri 7. Tiruppur 8. Erode 9. The Nilgiris 10. Karur 11. Ariyalur 12. Nagapattinam 13. Mayiladuthurai Note:- District Judges have been designated to conduct trial of SCs&STs (PoA) Act, 1989 cases in above 13 districts.	1. Trichy 2. Thanjavur (Thanjavur and Thiruvarur). 3. Madurai 4. Tirunelveli (Tirunelveli, Thenkasi and Kanyakumari). 5. Sivagangai 6. Villupuram (Villupuram and Kallakurichi) 7. Pudukkottai 8. Srivilliputhur (Virudhunagar) 9. Ramanathapuram 10. Dindigul 11. Namakkal 12. Cuddalore 13. Theni 14. Thiruvannamalai 15. Vellore (Vellore, Ranipet & Thirupathur) 16. Perambalur 17. Thoothukudi 18. Coimbatore 19. Salem
	Total:13	Total: 19 Courts (cover 25 Districts)

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 : Tamil Nadu

Number of :		Number of :	
Special Courts in the State	Special Public Prosecutors specified for conducting cases in the Special Courts	Exclusive Special Courts in the State	Exclusive Special Public Prosecutors specified for conducting cases in Exclusive Special Prosecutors
32 Special Public Prosecutors have been appointed to conduct trial.			

Annexure-XIV

SETTING UP OF SC/ST PROTECTION CELL

(Ref: rule 8 of the PoA Rules as amended)

State : Tamil Nadu

Whether the SC/ST Protection Cell has been set up	Whether the SC/ST Cell is discharging all the responsibility specified in Rule 8 of the PoA Rule	Whether additional responsibility has been entrusted to SC/ST Protection Cell which is other than that specified under Rule 8
The Social Justice and Human Rights unit is functioning as the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Protection Cell.		

Annexure-XV

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

State : Tamil Nadu

Total number of Districts : 46 (37 Districts + 9 Commissionerates)

Sl. No.	District where special police station has been set up		District where special police station has not been set up
	Name of the District	Number of Special Police Station	
	All Police stations in the State are empowered to register cases under SCs&STs (PoA) Act, 1989 and there are no Special Police Stations set up in this regard.		

Annexure –XVI

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

(Ref: Section 4 of Act as amended)

State/UT : Tamil Nadu

Number of officers punished for first offence under Section 4 of the PoA Act as amended	Number of officers punished for second and subsequent offence under section 5 of the PoA Act
Nil	Nil

Annexure-XVII

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

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

State : Tamil Nadu

- (i) **Whether quarterly progress report received from the SC/ST Protection Cells:**

The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Protection Cell has not been set up in Tamil Nadu. However, the Social Justice and Human Rights wing is acting as the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Protection Cell. The Daily situation report on the registration of cases under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989 are being received by the Government daily. The quarterly reports are also received by the Government from the above said wing.

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

Yes – In G.O (MS) No. 18, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare (PA) Department, dated 20.01.2003 orders have been issued appointing the Secretary to Government, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, as the Nodal Officer for co-ordinating the functioning of the District Magistrates and Superintendents of Police and other Officers authorized for implementing the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (POA) Act, 1989. The Quarterly reports received by the Govt. are being reviewed both in the Monthly review Meeting Conducted by the Nodal Officer and in the Law and Order Meeting Conducted by the Govt.

Annexure-XVIII

SPECIAL OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR IDENTIFIED AREAS TO CO-ORDINATE WITH THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, SUPERINTENDENTS 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 : Tamil Nadu

Total number of Districts: 46 (37 Districts + 9 Commissionerates)

Sl. No.	Identified District	Whether Special Officer appointed (Yes/No)	Designation of the Special Officers
	All Districts	YES. In G.O (MS).No.96, Adi-Dravidar and Tribal Welfare (PA) Department dated 10.08.2006, orders have been issued for the appointment of all Collectors in their respective districts as Special Officers for proper implementation of the provisions of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.	District Magistrates / District Collectors.
	Number of Districts:	Total Number : 38	

Annexure -XIX

**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/UT

: Tamil Nadu

1. Whether contingency plan has been formulated (Yes/No)	Yes. Contingency Plan has been formulated and notified in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette 281, Dated.01.9.2017.
2. If yes, please describe its gist, and also attach its copy as required under Rule 15(2) of the PoA Rules, as amended.	Copy enclosed.

Annexure – XX

STEPS TAKEN BY STATE GOVERNMENT/UNION TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION

State : Tamil Nadu

Number of Publicity/Awareness Programmes Conducted	Number of Officers sensitized, amongst:	
	Police	Others
3221 Awareness Programmes on Sensitization of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and Rules, 1995 were conducted in the State.	Refresher training courses for Investigating Officers are conducted regularly at In-Service training center (all over Tamil Nadu), Police Training College and Tamil Nadu Police Academy and a separate capsule course has been designed for the purpose of creating awareness among officers with regard to the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989. Social Justice and Human Rights Head quarter conducts monthly meeting to sensitize the Officers.	A training Programme conducted for Revenue and Police Officials (around 1000 Officers) throughout the State under the title "Samathuvam Kaanbom" to sensitize the officials for effective implementation of SCs & STs (PoA) Act and Rules and to approach the issues with social and ethical views towards victims to provide timely relief, awareness, rehabilitation and assured livelihood.

Annexure -XXI

APPEALS FILED IN SUPERIOR COURTS IN CASES WHICH ENDED IN ACQUITTAL

State/UT : Tamil Nadu

Number of cases which ended in acquittal	Number of cases in which appeals filed in superior courts against acquittal
A total number of 1093 cases ended in acquittal in the year 2023.	During the year 2023, a total number of 1093 cases have ended in acquittal. Legal opinion is obtained from Public Prosecutors to prefer appeals.

Annexure –XXII

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

Sl.No.	Name of persons rewarded	Name of Organization rewarded	Work Done
1.	Dr.Ambedkar Award of the Government of Tamil Nadu for the year 2023 was given to Thiru P. Shanmugam.	-	He has been working for the Welfare of the Tribal People in Tamil Nadu for more the 32 years. Further he has been working hard to get Justice especially for the Tribal People of Vachathi Village.

Annexure –XXIII

REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTORS

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

State/UT : Tamil Nadu

NAMES OF SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR AND EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR CHANGED FOR NOT PLEADING THE POA ACT RELATED CASES EFFECTITIVELY

Sl.No.	Name of the District	Name of the Spl.P.P Tmt/Selvi
- NIL -		

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Secretary to Government

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Section Officer
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