

- 11 As has been observed in the Chapter, information required by the Commission is not received from many State/UT Govts. In order to facilitate a comprehensive examination of the position, timely receipt of such information is of vital significance. 9.38

- 12 The Central Government should consider necessary amendments in the PCR Act, 1955 and Rules and SC & ST (POA) Act 1989 and Rules as discussed in the various forums and suggestions already made by the Commission to Ministry of Welfare to make the Act more effective. Main suggestions have also been given separately in Chapter X of this Report. 9.38

CHAPTER X. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS

- 1 The Commission recommends that Article 338 be amended as proposed in ANNEXURE 10.I to make the working of the Commission more effective and facilitate laying of the Report in the Parliament and State legislatures within a specified time frame. 10.2
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- 2 The Commission has proposed amendment to the SC & ST(POA) Act 1989, SC & ST (POA) Rules, 1995 and PCR Act 1955 as in ANNEXURE 10.II. The main objective of these amendments is to ensure speedy justice and trial for the victims of atrocities, include certain offences that have not been included so far and to provide for stringent punishment which should act as a deterrent against wilful and caste based crime. 10.6
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- 3 The Commission would recommend that the Government of India should consider the proposed amendments to the Constitution and the SC & ST (POA) Act., 1989, SC & ST (POA) Rules, 1995 and PCR Act., 1955 at the earliest. 10.7