

jurisdiction, he shall immediately himself visit the place of occurrence to assess the extent of atrocity, loss of life, loss and damage to the property and submit a report forthwith to the State Government.

(2) The District Magistrate or the Sub-Divisional Magistrate or any other Executive Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police, Deputy Superintendent of Police after inspecting the place or area shall on the spot :

- (i) draw a list of victims, their family members and dependants entitled for relief ;
- (ii) prepare a detailed report of the extent of atrocity, loss and damage to the property of the victims ;
- (iii) order for intensive police patrolling in the area ;
- (iv) take effective and necessary steps to provide protection to the witnesses and other sympathisers of the victims ;
- (v) provide immediate relief to the victims.

7. Investigating Officer.—(1) An offence committed under the Act shall be investigated by a Police Officer not below the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police. The Investigating Officer shall be appointed by the State Government/Director General of Police/Superintendent of Police after taking into account his past experience, sense of ability and justice to perceive the implications of the case and investigate it along with right lines within the shortest possible time.

(2) The Investigating Officer so appointed under sub-rule (1) shall complete the investigation on top priority within thirty days and submit the report to the Superintendent of Police who in turn will immediately forward the report to the Director-General of Police of the State Government.

(3) The Home Secretary and the Social Secretary to the State Government, Director of Prosecution, the Officer-in-Charge of Prosecution and the Director-General of Police shall review by the end of every quarter the position of all investigations done by the Investigating Officer.

8. Setting up of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes Protection Cell.—(1) The State Government shall set up a Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Protection Cell at the State headquarters under the charge of Director of Police, Inspector General of Police. This Cell shall be responsible for :

- (i) conducting survey of the identified area ;
- (ii) maintaining public order and tranquillity in the identified area ;
- (iii) recommending to the State Government for deployment of special police force or establishment of special police post in the identified area ;
- (iv) making investigations about the probable causes leading to an offence under the Act ;

- (v) restoring the feeling of security amongs the members of the Scheduled Castes and the Schedule Tribes ;
- (vi) informing the Nodal Officer and Special Officer about the law and order situation in the identified area ;
- (vii) making enquiries about the investigation and spot inspections conducted by various officers ;
- (viii) making enquiries about the action taken by the Superintendent of Police in the cases where an officer-in-charge of the Police Station has refused to enter an information in a book to be maintained by that Police Station under sub-rule (3) of Rule 5 ;
- (ix) making enquiries about the wilful negligence by a public servant ;
- (x) reviewing the position of cases registered under the Act ; and
- (xi) submitting a monthly report on or before 20th day of each subsequent month to the State Government/Nodal Officer about the action taken or proposed to be taken in respect of the above.

9. Nomination of Nodal Officer.—The State Government shall nominate a Nodal Officer of the level of a Secretary to the State Government preferably belonging to the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes, for co-ordinating the functioning of the District Magistrates and Superintendent of Police or other officers authorised by them as Investigating Officers and other officers responsible for implementing the provisions of the Act. By the end of every quarter, the Nodal Officer shall review :

- (i) the reports received by the State Government under sub-rules (2) and (4) of Rule 4, Rule 6, clause (xi) of Rule 8 ;
- (ii) the position of cases registered under the Act ;
- (iii) law and order situation in the identified area ;
- (iv) various kinds of measures adopted for providing immediate relief in cash or kind or both to the victims of atrocity or his or her dependant ;
- (v) adequacy of immediate facilities like rationing, clothing shelter, legal aid, travelling allowance, daily allowance and transport facilities provided to the victims of atrocity or his or her dependant ;
- (vi) performance of non-Government organisations, the Schedule Castes and the Scheduled Tribes Protection Cell, various committees and the public servants responsible for implementing the provisions of the Act.

10. Appointment of a Special Officer.—In the identified area Special Officer not below the rank of an Additional District Magistrate shall be appointed 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.

The Special Officer shall be responsible for :