

**13. Selection of officers and other staff members for completing the work relating to atrocity.**—(1) The State Government shall ensure that the Administrative Officers and other staff members to be appointed in an area prone to atrocity shall have the right aptitude and understanding of the problems of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.

(2) It shall also be ensured by the State Government that persons from the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes are adequately represented in the administration and in the police force at all level, particularly at the level of Police Posts and Police Station.

**14. Specific responsibility of the State Government.**—The State Government shall make necessary provision in its annual budget for providing relief and rehabilitation facilities to the victims of atrocity. It shall review at least twice in a calendar year, in the month of January and July the performance of the Special Public Prosecutor specified or appointed under Section 15 of the Act, various reports received, investigation made and preventive steps taken by the District Magistrate, Sub-Divisional Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, relief and rehabilitation facilities provided to the victims and the reports in respect of lapses on behalf of the concerned officers.

**15. Contingency Plan by the State Government.**—(1) The State Government shall prepare a model contingency plan for implementing the provisions of the Act and notify the same in the official Gazette of the State Government. It should specify the role and responsibility of various departments and their officers at different levels, the role and responsibility of Rural/Urban Local Bodies and Non-Government Organisations. *Inter alia* this plan shall contain a package of relief measures including the following :

- (a) scheme to provide immediate relief in cash or in kind or both ;
- (b) allotment of agricultural land and house sites ;
- (c) the rehabilitation packages ;
- (d) scheme for employment in Government or Government undertaking to the dependant or one of the family members of the victim ;
- (e) pension scheme for widows, dependant children of the deceased, handicapped or old-age victims of atrocity ;
- (f) mandatory compensation for the victims ;
- (g) scheme for strengthening the socio-economic condition of the victim ;
- (h) provisions for providing brick/stone masonry house to the victims ;
- (i) such other elements as health care, supply of essential commodities, electrification, adequate drinking water facility, burial/cremation ground and link roads to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes habitats.

(2) The State Government shall forward a copy of the contingency plan or a summary thereof and a copy of the scheme, as soon as may

be, the Central Government in the Ministry of Welfare and to all the District Magistrates, Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Inspector-General of Police and Superintendents of Police.

**16. Constitution of State-Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee.**—(1) The State Government shall constitute a high-power vigilance and monitoring committee of not more than 25 members consisting of the following :

- (i) Chief Minister/Administrator—*Chairman* (in case of a State under President's Rule Governor—*Chairman*) ;
- (ii) Home Minister, Finance Minister and Welfare Minister—*Members* (in case of a State under the President's Rule Advisors—*Members*) ;
- (iii) all elected Members of Parliament and State Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council from the State belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes—*Members* ;
- (iv) Chief Secretary, the Home Secretary, the Director General of Police, Director/Deputy Director of National Commission for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes—*Members* ;
- (v) the Secretary-in-charge of the welfare and development of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes—*Convenor*.

(2) The high-power vigilance and monitoring committee shall meet at least twice in a calendar year, in the month of January and July to review the implementation of the provisions of the Act, relief and rehabilitation facilities provided to the victims and other matters connected therewith, prosecution of cases under the Act, role of different officers/agencies responsible for implementing the provisions of the Act and various reports received by the State Government.

**17. Constitution of District-Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee.**—(1) In each district within the State, the District Magistrate shall set up a vigilance and monitoring committee in his district to review the implementation of the provisions of the Act, relief and rehabilitation facilities provided to the victims and other matters connected therewith, prosecution of cases, under the Act, role of different officers/agencies responsible for implementing the provisions of the Act and various reports received by the District Administration.

(2) The district-level vigilance and monitoring committee shall consist of the elected Members of the Parliament and State Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, Superintendent of Police, three Group 'A' officers, Gazetted Officers of the State Government belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes, not more than 5 non-official members belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes and not more than 3 members from the categories other than the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes having association with Non-Government Organisations. The District Magistrate and District Social Welfare Officer shall be members.