

(124) May please refer to notes from para 118/N onwards. It is regarding setting up of Vigilance and Monitoring Committee at the district level to review the implementation of the provisions of the SCs & STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989, relief and rehabilitation facilities provided to the victims and other matters connected therewith, prosecution of cases under the Act.

(125) In pursuance of the instructions received vide Govt. of India's letter No. 11012/6/2003-PCR (DESK) dated 01/08/2003 at page 64/C, the Deputy Commissioner, Andamans and Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars were ~~to~~ asked to furnish the proposal for setting up Vigilance and Monitoring Committee at District level in their respective districts under Rule 17 of the SCs & STs (POA) Rules 1995 vide this office letter No. 5-58/99-TW/1053 dated 10/10/2003 at page 69/C.

(126) The proposals from both the Deputy Commissioners were received vide their letter dated 25/02/2004 at page 87/C and letter dated 12/07/2004 at page 117/C respectively and they were processed and approved vide paras 99 -108/N. The Deputy Commissioner (N) has already constituted the Vigilance and Monitoring Committee vide notification dated 13/08/2004 at page 137/C. However, the Committee in respect of Andaman District is yet to be constituted as Director (SW), who has been nominated as the Member-Secretary of the Committee, has stated that Directorate of Tribal Welfare is concerned with the implementation of the Act instead of Directorate of Social Welfare. Therefore, the Director (TW) may be nominated as the Member-Secretary of the Committee (please refer to his note dated 21/09/2004 at page 155/C).

(127) As per Rule 17 of the SCs & STs (POA) Rules 1995, the District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee is to comprise of, among others, District magistrate as Chairman and District Social Welfare Officer as Member Secretary. (Please refer Rule 17 (2) at page 65/C) As there is no post of District Social Welfare Officer, the Director (SW) might have been suggested for being nominated as Member-Secretary to the Committee instead of District Social Welfare Officer. The Director (TW) is already included as member of the Committee (Please refer to letter dated 12/07/2004 of Deputy Commissioner, Andamans at page 117/C).