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- ❖ Provision for a periodic survey of the working of the provisions of this Act with a view to suggesting measures for the better implementation of the provisions of this Act;
  - ❖ The identification of the areas where persons are under any disability arising out of "Untouchability" and adoption of such measures as would ensure the removal of such disability from such areas.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEDULED CASTES AND THE SCHEDULED TRIBES (PREVENTION OF ATROCITY ACT, 1989).**

To check and deter crimes against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 was brought into force w.e.f. 30<sup>th</sup> January 1990. It extends to the whole of India except State of Jammu & Kashmir. Comprehensive Rules were also framed under the Act in the year 1995, which among other things provide for relief and rehabilitation to the affected person.

Provisions of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 are implemented by the State Government concerned, who as per section 21(1)(2) are to take such measures as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act. Such measures include the following: -

- ❖ the provision for adequate facilities, including legal aid, to the persons subjected to atrocities to enable them to avail themselves of justice;
- ❖ the provision for traveling and maintenance expenses to witnesses, including the victims of atrocities, during investigation and trial of offences under this Act;
- ❖ the provision for the economic and social rehabilitation of the victims of the atrocities;
- ❖ the appointment of officers for initiating or exercising supervision over prosecutions for the contravention of the provisions of this Act;
- ❖ the setting up of Committees at such appropriate levels as the State Government may think fit to assist the Government in formulation of such measures;
- ❖ provision for a periodic survey of the working of the provisions of this Act with a view to suggesting measures for the better implementation of the provisions of this Act;
- ❖ identification of atrocity prone areas.