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initially varies from 25% to 50% when the charge sheet is sent to the court and the balance is paid after the conclusion of the trial or conviction in the lower court. Since the disposal of atrocity cases admitted in the court takes years together resulting in denial of full benefit of compensation to the SC/ST victims of atrocities. As such suitable amendment to the SCs and the STs (POA) Rules, 1995 regarding mode of payment of compensation to victims of atrocity be considered.

**5.3** Some State Governments like Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra have suggested that relief can be given to women victims of atrocity on account of outraging their modesty, without medical examination.

**5.4** Government of Andhra Pradesh has suggested for amending the SCs & STs (POA) Rules, 1995 regarding payment to relief to the victims. It has been pointed out that the Govt. of India may amend the Annexure of the Rules in such a way that the District Magistrate have discretion to sanction immediate cash relief to the victims without insisting for filing of charge sheet.

**5.5** Based on the experience in implementation of the Central Acts and Rules framed there under, the nodal officers may like to suggest further modifications in the Acts and the Rules

**6. MATERIAL /INFORMATION FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WORKING OF THE PCR ACT AND POA ACT.**

Material/information for preparation of Annual Report of the PCR Act and POA Act for the calendar year is required to be sent to this Ministry by 15<sup>th</sup> February and 31<sup>st</sup> March respectively of next calendar year. The information required by the Ministry in this regard pertains to two aspects (I) narrative portion on the measures taken under the Acts and (II) Statistical information on the cases registered by Police and their disposal by Police as well as by the Courts. It has been observed that more often than, information is not received either on part (I) or part (II) and sometimes the statistical information is not received in the Ministry within in the stipulated period as prescribed in the relevant Rules. The steps taken/to be taken for timely action in this regard may be indicated.