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3. **Assistance for implementation of the Central Acts.**

Under the centrally sponsored scheme for implementation of SCs & STs (prevention of atrocities) Act, 1989, an amount of Rs. 9,290/- was released by the Govt. of India vide their letter No: 1104/9/99-PCR (Desk) dated 2/2/1999, but the fund could not be utilized as there were no victims of the atrocities to be provided relief. The unspent amount will be utilized when there is a necessity to do so.

4. **Registration of cases under the PCR & POA Act.**

The information in respect of PCR Act is Nil, while the information in respect of POA Act is furnished as under:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>No of Cases registered under POA Act</u>
1996	--
1997	02 (one case was closed in 1998 and another one was closed in 2000 after investigation)
1998	Nil
1999	Nil
2000	01
2001	01

5. **Special Courts**

This Administration has designated the Sessions Court, Port Blair as the Special Court to try the offences under section 14 of the above act vide administration's Notification No: 151 dated 4/9/1990.

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

1. **Registration and Investigation**

The Police Department is the authority to register the cases under SCs & STs (POA) Act 1989. They are maintaining sharp vigil and surveillance to prevent the incidents of atrocities on STs of this UT.

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