

**Tenth meeting of the Inter-State Council Scheduled to be held on Saturday, the 9th December, 2006 at 6.30 PM in Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi**

**(1) Status on implementation of various provisions of the Act and the Rules.**

So far this UT, there are six Scheduled Tribes, so the provisions of SCs & STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act are being implemented to prevent atrocities on STs. The measures taken by the UT Administration for implementation of provisions contained in the above Act is as under: -

The legal Aid Scheme is being implemented by legal services Authority under which the victims could seek legal aid when required.

Additional District Magistrate, Port Blair and Project Officer, ITDP, Car Nicobar functioning as Special Officer in respect of Andaman District and Nicobar District respectively.

A special court has been set up in this UT. The court of District and session Judge, A&N Islands has been designated as a Special Court to try the offences of the atrocities against STs.

Car Nicobar Island and Head Quarter area of Port Blair have been identified to be atrocities prone area after proper survey. Aforesaid areas are being covered by Police patrol round the clock extensively to keep watch on anti-social elements/mis-chief mongers.

A Special Cell consisting of IGP, SP, Andaman District & SP, Nicobar District and Director, Tribal Welfare constituted by the Administration continued to function to look into the cases of atrocities against STs. No Special Police Stations have been set up in this UT so far. However, the staff posted at Police Stations located at various places in this UT have been briefed to entertain complaints received from members of ST even of trivial nature and to initiate action promptly.

State-level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee and District-level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee have been constituted to review implementation of the SCs & STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, relief and rehabilitation facilities provided to the victims and prosecution of atrocity cases. A meeting of the District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee of Andaman District was held on 03/08/2005 to review implementation of the Act, relief and rehabilitation facilities provided to the victims and prosecution of atrocity cases.

Hoardings about the provisions of the Act were displayed at prominent places all over Andaman and Nicobar Islands to create awareness among the STs.