

dedicated, exclusive Courts to be set up; to begin with in each administrative division or group of districts be provided with dedicated courts, who may also conduct circuit Court hearings.

8. The system of Deputy SP or senior officers only investigating crimes under the Special laws has not resulted in expediting investigation or trial. In view of shortage of posts of Dy. SPs in all States it is recommended that cases having lower threshold of maximum sentence and/or gravity of offences can be investigated by Inspectors of Police. Investigation by Inspectors can be vetted by Dy. SP for further action. Closure of investigation should invariably be done by District SSP. More posts of Dy.SP's fully funded by Central Govt. need to be sanctioned. Dy. SPs posted in SC/ST Cells under Rule 8 should not be used for any other duties.
9. Specific performance and contribution of Officers to the cause of SC's should be reflected in the ACRs.
10. Legislation for fixing maximum time for trial and disposal of cases in judicial courts is urgently needed.
11. Under section 4 of POA Act, all public servants should be covered. There should be no exemption for SC/ST officers as no negligence or indifference can be tolerated in dealing with atrocities cases.
12. Incentive should be given to selected Gram Panchayats where no incidence of atrocity is reported for minimum two consecutive years.
13. Scheduled Castes not being aware of Special protective provisions in existence should be sensitized on these provisions and empowered to demand their implementation through a national campaign.
14. Population not belonging to Scheduled Castes should be made aware through a national campaign of the special protective legislation and measures for Scheduled Castes to deter them from acting in undesirable manner.
15. The special legislations for protection and welfare of weaker sections with special reference to the Scheduled Castes should be part of training curriculum at all levels for police, revenue officials, judiciary, public prosecutors and other officers involved in governance and passing in this subject should be mandatory.
16. A revolving fund should be placed with District administration for immediate relief and rehabilitation of victims of atrocity.
17. Each State should have a toll-free telephone number in the department administering Scheduled Castes affairs for registering of complaints of