

CIVIL AND ATROCITIES ACTS

1. The State Government must be aware of The Protection of Civil Rights Act 1959 and The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The former relates to punishment for preaching and practice of untouchability and for the enforced disabilities arising therefrom as well as for matters connected therewith. The latter has the objectives of prevention of commission of offences of atrocities against members of the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, provision of special courts for trial of such offences, for relief and rehabilitation of the victims of such offences and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. So far as the PCR Act is concerned, it is well known that, by and large, the practice of untouchability relating to tribals is nonexistent. Nevertheless, in order to ascertain on good authority this reality, the following few questions relating to STs are being put.	
The Protection of Civil Right Act 1959	
2. Sections 3,4,5,6 and 7A of the Act mention enforcement of some religious disabilities. Has the State Government come across disabilities against STs other than these? If so, please indicate.	No such incidents of disabilities against STs as envisaged in sections 3,4,5,6 & 7A of the protection of civil right act 1955 have been reported in A & N Islands.
3. Have any cases arisen in which Government cancelled or suspended licences of profession, trade, calling or employment under Section 8 and suspended / resumed grants made by Government under Section 9? If so, please indicate the grounds therefore as well as the year of such occasion(s).	No such incidents have come to the notice of A & N Police.
4. Please give an overall appreciation of how the various provisions of the Act have been implemented, emphasising the issue of its effectiveness or lack of it. Please spell out any deficiencies or shortcomings that need to be taken care of.	No shortcomings deficiencies have been reported about effectiveness of the provisions of the law.