

6. Have special courts been set up as required in Sections 14 and 15 of the Act? If so, when, at which places and for what duration? Please give an account of their work ever since they were established.	129 The Session Court Andaman & Nicobar Islands Port Blair has been specified as a special Court vide Administration's Notification No.151 dated 4th September 1990 to deal with the cases of atrocities against the STs. As provided in the notification, constitution of special Court is effective from 4th Sept., 1990 and it is permanent. So far two cases of atrocities against the Scheduled Tribes has been registered of which one case has been tried and disposed and another one is still pending.
7. Reference Section 16, has the State Government found it necessary to impose collective fines and when? Please give a note covering all aspects.	Section 17 of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 relates to power of state Government to impose collective fine on the inhabitant of an area or locality for abetting the Commit of any offence etc under the act. As mentioned in our replay to serial number 2 of the questionnaire they have been 2 cases of Atrocities against STs, of which one case was closed following the acceptance of the final report by the court and in the remaining one case the accused has been charge sheeted and the case is under trial in the court of Session Judge. (Constituted as a Special Court) at Port Blair. As such the crime against the STs is very negligible. No incidents of abetment of crime against the STs by the inhabitants of any area has yet been reported so there is no question of imposition of collective fine. No such incident has taken place necessitating imposition on collective fund.
8. Under Section 17, have there been occasions when the state authorities took action for prevention of any offences or threat of offences in an area prone to atrocities?	There is no area prone to atrocities.
9. Under Section 21, what steps have the State Government taken to ensure effective implementation of the Act? What organization has been set up in the state? To what extent has the provision for compensation been utilized?	When ever such incident is reported, the police takes prompt legal action under the provision of SC & ST (prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989.
10. Please give an overall appreciation of how the various provisions of the Act have been implemented. Has it been effective? What are the deficiencies or shortcomings that need to be taken care of?	The various provisions are implemented by the Police in its true letter and spirit. It is quite effective and no deficiencies/short comings have come to notice.