

- (b) Please state the various steps taken/proposed to be taken to prevent recurrence of such crimes and machinery set up at the State, District and local level to deal with such crimes and machinery set up at the State, District and local level to deal with crime against SCs/STs.

Ans : The local police keep strict vigil to prevent the occurrence of crimes against STs.

- (C) Has any special Cell/Police Stations been set up at various level to deal with such cases more effectively and if not, the reason thereof?

Ans: No special Cell / Police Station has been set up because the incidents of atrocities against the STs are negligible.

- (d) Whether any survey/study conducted into crimes/atrocities prone areas? What are the indications therefrom and measures taken to check recurrence of atrocities in these areas.

Ans: No survey / study has been conducted as no area has been identified as crime / atrocities prone area.

- (e) Functioning of the Special Courts, set up under Section 14 of the SCs and the STs POA Act, 1989.

Ans: The Session Court at Port Blair has been notified as special court for trial of cases under section 14 of the SCs & STs (POA) Act 1989.

2. Machinery set-up at the State, district and local level to deal with the crimes against SCs/STs?

Ans: The Public Prosecutor has been designated as Special Public Prosecutor to deal with the cases under Section 14 of the SCs & STs (POA) Act 1989.

3. Whether cases registered under PCR Act, 1955 and the POA Act, 1989 have ever been withdrawn by the Government? If yes, please give details along with the reasons for such withdrawal.

Ans: No.