

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 Whether cases registered under PCR Act, 1955 and the POA Act, 1989 have ever been withdrawn by the Government?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.

4. Please furnish details of monetary relief provided to SC/ST victims of atrocities during 1997, 1998 and 1999.

Ans: During the year 1996-97 the GOI had released Rs. 29,000/- under the CSS of SCs & STs (POA) Act 1989 out of which an expenditure of Rs. 17,000/- was incurred. Of the above expenditure Rs. 10,800/- was paid to the victim towards her economic and social rehabilitation.