

Minutes of State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee as per the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989 held under the Chairmanship of Home Secretary-cum-Secretary Social Welfare on 21.06.2011 at 3.00 P.M

The following Members were present:

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| 1. | Secretary Social Welfare,
Chandigarh Administration | Chairman |
| 2. | Inspector General of Police,
UT, Chandigarh.
(Attended by Sh.Naunihal Singh, IPS
S.S.P. , UT, Chandigarh) | Member |
| 3. | Deputy Commissioner,
Chandigarh (Attended by
Sh.M.L. Sharma, ADC) | Member |
| 4. | Joint Secretary Finance
Chandigarh Administration | Member |
| 5. | Director Social Welfare
Chandigarh Administration | Member Secretary |

Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal could not attend the Meeting, being out of station.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members present in the meeting of the Committee constituted in pursuance of Rule 16 of SCs & STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995, by the Administrator, UT, Chandigarh. The Member Secretary, Director Social Welfare detailed the steps taken by the department towards implementation of the various provisions of the Act.. Further, she pointed out the details of cases of Atrocities during the last 5 years. It was informed that during the last two years 2009 and 2010, no case has been registered under the Act.

Agenda Item No.I

Speedy disposal of cases pending in the Court.

Director Social Welfare informed that only cases mentioned below are pending in the court of Additional District & Sessions Judge (Special Court), Chandigarh pertaining to the year 2008:-

1. State Vs. Anil Kumar Sharma, FIR No.87/2008 U/S 3 of S.C. & S.T. (POA) Act; P.S. Sector 17, Chandigarh.
2. State Vs. Naven Kumar Goel, FIR No.41/2008 U/S 306 IPC & 3 of S.C. & S.T. (POA) Act; P.S. Sector 34, Chandigarh.

Chairman desired that the public prosecutor be asked for speedy disposal of the pending cases.

Agenda Item No.II

List of Cases Registered under the Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989.

The Inspector General of Police, UT, Chandigarh has informed that no case has been registered during the year 2010 and during the quarter ending March, 2011.

Agenda Item No.III

List of Complaints received under the Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989.

The Director Social Welfare informed that three applications one each from the Chairperson, Global Human Rights Council; Sh.Satyavir Singh, Lecturer, Panjab University and Sh.R.R. Singh, PEC Deemed University have been received and are under consideration. The comments from the Inspector General of Police are awaited in the cases Sh.Satyavir Singh, Lecturer, Panjab University and Sh.R.R. Singh, PEC Deemed University, Sector 12, Chandigarh. Chairman asked the Inspector General of Police to send the action taken / status report in the matter.

Agenda Item No.IV.

Displaying of salient features of the Act in all the police stations.

Chairman desired that the Inspector General of Police, UT, Chandigarh is to display various provisions under the Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 at appropriate places in all the Police stations.

Monetary Relief to Scheduled Caste Victims of Atrocities.

Director Social Welfare also apprised the Chairman that as per provisions laid down in the Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989, the Social Welfare Department, UT, Chandigarh, has made budgetary provisions to provide monetary relief to the scheduled caste victims of atrocities. The quantum of relief varies from Rs. 25,000 to 2,00,000 depending upon the nature of atrocity. The relief is sanctioned immediately after registration of case under the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and on presentation of charge sheet in the court. The Chairman directed that the provisions of the scheme may also be given due publicity in all the Police Stations.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.
