

**AWARENESS ON LAWS FOR PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES AGAINST  
SCs/STs**

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The Directorate of Social Welfare is implementing the Prevention of Atrocity Act 1989 and Rules 1995 enacted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The Act is implemented to prevent offence of atrocities against the members of the scheduled castes and the scheduled tribes. It also provides special courts for the trials of such offences and also provides relief and rehabilitation of the victims.

The State Government under the provision of the Act and Rules provides various benefits to the victims of atrocities such as offering videography facility to victims, compensation to the victims as per the stipulated rules. Government also provides assistance of Rs. 2.5 Lakhs to the couple of inter-caste marriage where one person has to be from SC community.

District and Session court, North and South have been designated as Special Court for implementation of the Act and the complaints registered under the Act are reviewed by the District Collector during quarterly meetings.

For details regarding the provision of the Act, the public are requested to go through the Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes Prevention of Atrocity Act 1989 and Rules 1995 published in the Official Gazette vide Notification No.33 of 1989 dated September 11, 1989, Notification No.13/2/92- SWD dated July 17, 1996, published in Official Gazette, Government of Goa, Series I, No.23 on September 5, 1996 and subsequent amendments to the Rules published vide Notification No 59-9-2007-BC(22)/PART II/5460 dated October 24, 2016 published in Official Gazette, Government of Goa, Series I, No.23 and Notification No.10/4/2016-LA dated May 06, 2016.

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