

## FAQs

1. Which Article is related to untouchability?

Answer: Article 17 of the Indian Constitution abolished 'untouchability', forbade its practice in any form and made enforcement of any disability arising out of 'untouchability', an offence punishable in accordance with law.

2. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the implementation of the PCR Act, 1955 and the SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989 commenced in which year ?

Answer: The Centrally Sponsored Scheme commenced in the year 1974-75. Initially the scheme provided Central assistance to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations towards effective implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights {PCR} Act, 1955. After another Act of Parliament namely the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities){PoA} Act, 1989, was enacted and brought into force on 31.01.1990 to prevent commission of offences of atrocities against the members of the Scheduled Castes(SCs) and the Scheduled Tribes(STs), the scope of the Scheme was extended to cover the PoA Act as well.

3) What is the funding pattern of the scheme for UT with Legislature?

Answer: The funding pattern of the Scheme is as such that the total expenditure over and above the committee liability is shared on 50:50 basis between the Central Government and concerned State Government/Union Territories (with legislature).

4) The Centrally Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the implementation of the PCR Act, 1955 and the SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989 is implemented by ?

Answer: The scheme is implemented by the respective State Governments and the Union Territory Administrations.

5) What is mandatory condition to provide incentive for the Inter-Caste Marriage under the scheme ?

Answers: One of the spouses should be a member of Scheduled Castes.

6) The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities){PoA} Act, 1989, was enacted and brought into force on ?

Answer: The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) {PoA} Act, 1989, was enacted and brought into force on 31.01.1990 to prevent commission of offences of atrocities against the members of the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and the Scheduled Tribes (STs), to provide for Special Courts for the trial of such offences and for the relief and rehabilitation of the victims of such offences.

7) Target groups under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the implementation of the PCR Act, 1955 and the SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989 ?

Answer: Target groups under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme are the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.

8) What is the procedure for release of funds to the State Govt./UT Administrations ?

Answer: The Central Assistance is released to the States and UTs based on the viable proposal received from the State Governments and Union territory Administrations. The funding pattern of the Scheme is as such that the total expenditure over and above the committed liability is shared on 50:50 basis

between the Central Government and concerned State Government/UT (with legislature) whereas 100% Central assistance would be provided to Union Territory Administrations (without legislature).

9) What are the main components of the scheme for which Central Assistance is provided to the States/UTs ?

Answer: Under the scheme, Central Assistance is released to the States/UTs mainly for the components such as providing of Relief and Rehabilitation to Atrocity Victims/dependents, Incentive for Inter-Caste Marriage wherein one of the spouse is a member of Scheduled Castes, Setting up of SC/ST Protection Cells and Special Police Stations and Strengthening & Enforcement of Judicial Machinery.

10) What is the funding pattern of the scheme for UT without Legislature?

Answer: The Union Territory Administration (without legislature) receives 100% Central assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the implementation of the PCR Act, 1955 and the SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989