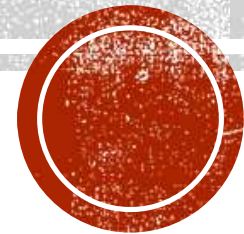


# **PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES (POA) TO SC & ST**

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# CASTE CENSUS TRIPURA

- Scheduled Caste 0.065 lakh (17.83%)
- Scheduled Tribe 20.14 lakh (16.63%)
- Approx. 404 SC dominated villages in Tripura



# **ATROCITY — ACCUSED & VICTIM?**

- **Person committing ATROCITY- NON-SC/ST Member**
- **VICTIM- Has to be a Member of SC/ST Community**



# **APPLICABLE LAW & WHO IS COVERED**

- **The Prevention of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989**
- **Amended in 2015 and 2018**
- **Section 2- Definitions covers who is covered under various aspects of law**



# OFFENCES- ATROCITIES

- forces such member to drink or eat such inedible or obnoxious substance
- dumps excreta, sewage, carcasses or any other obnoxious substance in premises
- dumps excreta, waste matter, carcasses or any other obnoxious substance in his neighbourhood
- garlands with footwear or parades naked or semi-naked



- interferes with the enjoyment of his rights, including forest rights, over any land or premises or water or irrigation facilities or destroys the crops or takes away the produce
- removing clothes from the person, forcible tonsuring of head, removing moustaches, painting face or body
- wrongfully occupies or cultivates any land, owned by- SC/ST



- **forced or bonded labour other than any compulsory service**
- **compels to dispose or carry human or animal carcasses, or to dig graves**
- **compels for manual scavenging**
- **interfering with the right to vote or contest election**



# **WOMEN CENTERED ATROCITIES**

- **Devadasi practice/ dedication**
- **Intentionally touching a woman in sexual manner without her consent**
- **Sexual harassment**
- **Causing physical or mental harm-witchcraft**





# DUTIES OF STATE AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM

- Special courts
- Arrest matters
- Bail matters
- Victims' and witnesses' protection
- Government schemes for implementing victim rights



**YOUR ROLE**



**THANK YOU 😊**

