

S. O. 512 dated the 22nd June 1987.—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 (19 of 1976) read with sub-section (2) thereof and in supersession of all previous orders issued in this regard, the Governor of Bihar is pleased to constitute District Level Vigilance Committees for all districts of the State in the following manner :—

(1) District Magistrate—*Chairman.*

Members

- (2) Three persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and/or Scheduled Tribes and residing in the district to be nominated by the District Magistrate,
 - (3) Two social workers, resident in the district, to be nominated by the District Magistrate.
 - (4) Deputy Development Commissioner and/or in his absence the District Development Officer.
 - (5) Chairman, Zila Parishad.
 - (6) Managing Director, District Rural Development Agency, nominated by the State Government in official capacity.
 - (7) One representative of Central Co-operative Bank or Rural Bank or Commercial Bank to be nominated by District Magistrate.
2. The Vigilance Committee shall regulate its own procedure and secretarial assistance, as may be necessary shall be provided by the District Magistrate.
3. The functions of the Vigilance Committee shall be—
- (a) to advise the District Magistrate as to the efforts made/and action taken, to insure that the provisions of the aforesaid Act are properly implemented;
 - (b) to provide for the economic and social rehabilitation of the freed bonded labourers;
 - (c) to co-ordinate the functions of Rural Banks, Co-operative Banks and Commercial Banks, as may be necessary, with a view to canalising adequate credit facilities to the freed bonded labourers;

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- (d) to keep an eye on the number of cases filed and disposed of in regard to the offences under this Act;
- (e) to make a survey as to whether there is any offence of which cognizance ought to be taken under this Act;
- (f) to defend any suit instituted against a freed bonded labour or a member of his family or any other person dependent on him for the recovery of the whole or part of any bonded debt or any other debt which is claimed by such person to be bonded debt.

4. The Vigilance Committee shall meet as often as necessary but at least once in a quarter for the discharge of its functions.

Exercise of powers conferred by