

No.23011/06/2014-FRA
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3rd March, 2014.

To

1. All Principal Secretaries/Secretaries in charge of State Tribal Welfare Departments
(All States except Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana and Nagaland).
2. Administrators of Union Territories,
(except Lakshadweep and Puducherry)

Sub: Record of Rights issued under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006.

Sir,

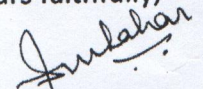
The undersigned is directed to state that, in respect of the Records of Rights being issued under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, this Ministry has certain observations/comments as under, for necessary compliance on the part of States/UTs:-

- (i) The Records of Rights issued under the Forest Rights Act 2006 (FRA) should also mention the name of the Caste/Tribe so that, in future, the people do not have any difficulty in obtaining Caste Certificates.
- (ii) The village maps and the village records should also indicate the community land classified into various categories as per the local revenue code/law.
- (iii) As per the Forest Rights Rules 2007, on completion of the process of settlement of Rights and issue of titles as specified in Annexures.II, III and IV of these Rules, the Revenue and Forest Departments are to prepare a final map of the forest land so vested and the concerned authorities are required to incorporate the forest rights so vested in the revenue and forest records, as the case may be, within the specified period of record updation under the relevant State laws or within a period of three months, whichever is earlier. Eventually, the right holders under FRA have to be issued Record of Rights under the Revenue Code/Law so as to mainstream them and treat them at par with other land holders.

- (iv) FRA requires conversion of all forest villages, old habitations, unsurveyed villages and other villages in forest whether recorded, notified or not, into revenue villages. The States have been asked to take necessary action for such conversion as per guidelines issued by this Ministry vide No.23011/33/2010-FRA dated 8th November, 2013. In this connection, the entire records should follow the protocol of the revenue code/law.

2. All the State/UT Governments are, therefore, requested to take appropriate steps on the points mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,



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