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No. 23011/47/2009-SG-II(FRA)
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 27.7.2010

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Convergence between NREGA and schemes of M/o Tribal Affairs for implementation of convergence model in the tribal areas-regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to SG-II Section's OM No.20012/67/2005-SG-II dated 8.7.2010 on the above mentioned subject and to state that there is a possibility of convergence of MGNREGA for the benefits of forest dwellers with certificates of titles under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. This Ministry has already advised the State/UT Governments to plan convergence of existing welfare and development initiatives for the potential title holders in the forest land under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 so that their conditions improve and they are weaned away from the timber related activities.

2. In response to Secretary (RD)'s earlier DO letter No. J-11060/3/2009-NREGA dated 22.2.2010, this Ministry has already advised all the States/UT Governments to take advantage of convergence of initiatives of the M/o Rural Development under the MGNREGA for the benefits of forest dwellers with certificate of titles under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. A copy of this Ministry's letter of even number dated 10.6.2010 addressed to Principal Secretary/Secretary of Tribal Development Departments of all States and Administrators of UTs in this connection, is enclosed herewith.

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Encl: As above

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