Most Immediate

Secretary to the Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Shanti Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
E-mail: secy-tribal@nic.in
Website: www.tribal.gov.in


Dear Shri Harinarayan,

Kindly refer to my D.O. letter of even number dated 11th January, 2008, regarding implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 as per a time bound schedule.

2. The implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 as per a time bound schedule was discussed in a meeting held in the Prime Minister’s Office on 21st January, 2008. I am enclosing a statement indicating the major Actionable Points along with timelines for the States and the Central Ministries concerned for implementation of the Act.

3. It is requested that follow up action on the relevant points in the statement concerning the States/UTs may kindly be initiated in your State/UT as per the timelines indicated therein. This is besides the other actions that you would have surely identified.

4. This Ministry may also be kept informed of the action(s) taken, particularly regarding the training of persons who are members of the Committees (we are assured that these Committees would be in place by now), and the Gram Sabhas. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj would separately be addressing the Secretaries of Panchayati Raj Departments in your State.

Yours sincerely,

Shri J. Harinarayan,
Chief Secretary,
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Hyderabad-500 002.