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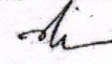
Dear Shri Mukerji

This is regarding implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 in the State of Bihar. While reviewing the latest position regarding implementation of the Act in your State, I find that only 2,291 claims have been filed in your State, upto 31st December, 2010. Only 128 claims have reportedly been disposed of, and no title under the Act has been distributed in the State of Bihar, so far.

2. Filing of less number of claims in the State of Bihar could be because of lack of awareness amongst the forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers in the State about the provisions of the Act. There is, therefore, a need for the State to launch a special campaign for generating wide-spread awareness about the provisions of the Act amongst the forest dwellers and for imparting training to the field level functionaries for this purpose.

3. I would be grateful if you could kindly look into the matter and accord priority to the implementation of the Act in your State.

Yours sincerely,


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