To,
The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Odisha and Telengana.

Subject: District-wise Monthly Progress Report with regard to worst affected 35 LWE districts

Sir,

A List of 35 worst LWE affected districts was sent vide this Ministry's letter number 23011/14/2008-FRA (Vol.II) dated 19.6.2015 with the request to send information/ district wise Monthly Progress Report on the status of implementation of FRA in respect of the said districts. A copy of the said letter is enclosed for ready reference.

2. In response, the State Government of Jharkhand, Telengana, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Bihar have sent the information/report as on 31.8.2015. On perusal of the information sent by the said 5 States, it is seen that the State Government of Jharkhand and Bihar have sent the total number of claims, total number of titles distributed, total number of claims rejected, total number of claims disposed off etc. Disaggregated information on the status of individual, community and CFR claims have, however, not been provided.

3. The State Government of Odisha have not sent the reasons for rejection of claim.

4. State Government of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra have not sent the information/report.

5. It is, therefore, requested the requisite complete information may kindly be provided as on 31.8.2015.

6. Monthly Progress Report on the implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006 (FRA) in 35 worst affected LWE Districts as on 30.9.2015 may also kindly be sent at the earliest.

3. It is also requested that assessment of the number of potential claimants and assessment of potential area in which FRA could be conferred in the worst LWE affected districts may also be intimated.

Yours sincerely,

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Office Memorandum

Approval for providing equity support of Rs.348.10 crore to National Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation (NSTFDC) and to the State Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporations (STFDCs) during the XII Plan Period and enhancement of authorized share capital of NSTFDC from Rs.500 crore to Rs.750 crore.

The undersigned is directed to refer I.D. No.200252/92012-SG-I/FRA (Vol.III) dated 13.5.2015 received from Ministry of Tribal Affairs on the subject mentioned above and to convey the approval of Honorable Finance Minister for providing equity support of Rs.348.10 crore to National Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation (NSTFDC) and to the State Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporations (STFDCs) during the XII Plan Period and enhancement of authorized share capital of NSTFDC from Rs.500 crore to Rs.750 crore.

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Record Date: 2.6.15

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2. After detailed deliberations, the EFC recommended:

(i) Sanction of equity support of Rs. 7000.00 lakhs for STFDC for 2011-12.

(ii) STFDC to complete the study undertaken by XLR, Jamshedpur of Business Process Reengineering and alternate delivery mechanism by May 2011 and place the same before the management for consideration.

(iii) Ministry of Tribal Affairs to commission a comprehensive evaluation studies on the working of STFDC and STFDCs on all-India basis at the earliest.

3. The original outlay provided in 11th Plan for equity support to STFDC was Rs. 260 crore. However, for reasons explained in detail in Note 2, the EFC could not appreciate the scheme and no funds could be released till date during 11th Plan period. The EFC in its meeting held on 25-26.3.2011 recommended revised cost estimates of Rs. 140 crores instead of Rs. 260 crores, which the EFC enquired about and was promptly addressed by the Department of Expenditure vide their OM dated 14.4.2010. Rs. 140 crore was the original cost estimates of the project scheme during 11th Plan. As such, there is no cost estimates have been approved by any forum/authority.

4. As per revised delegation of powers, the approval limits for original cost estimate are indicated below:

   (Rs. Cr.)

   - Minister-in-Charge of Ministry of Finance
   - 25.00<150.00
   - 150.00<300.00
   - 300.00

5. Since the cost estimates considered and recommended by EFC during the 11th Plan Period are less than Rs. 150 crore, the Hon'ble MTA would be the competent authority to approve the recommendations of EFC.

6. Further, as per para 2.4 of Department of Expenditure OM dated 14.4.2010, the specific clarifications issued in their earlier OM dated 5.11.2007 regarding exercise of EFC delegation continue to be valid. In accordance with the clarification no. 2 provided under para 11 of the OM, revised cost estimates which are within the powers delegated to the Hon'ble MTA, irrespective of the level of competent authority, would be approved at the powers of the Hon'ble MTA.

7. Thus, even if the revised cost estimates as Rs. 260 crore though not approved by any authority, the RCFs of Rs. 140 crore will be within the delegated powers of the Hon'ble MTA.

8. In the circumstances, file may be submitted to Hon'ble MTA for approving the recommendations of EFC in para 2 above.