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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS**

Subject: Monthly update on status of implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dweller (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

Reference Prime Minister's Office I.D. No.560/51/C/2/08-ES.2 dated 7th May, 2008 on the above-mentioned subject.

2. Status report on the implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 for the period ending **31st December** as desired, is sent herewith.


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M/o Tribal Affairs' I.D. No.23011/3/2016-FRA dated 1st February, 2024.

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1. Cabinet Secretariat (Ms. Kavita Singh, Joint Secretary)
2. NITI Aayog (Ms. Sanayukta Samaddar, OSD)
3. Director (NIC), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, with the request that this status report (Annex-I, Annex-II, Annex-III and Annex-IV) may be put up on the Ministry's website (www.tribal.nic.in) under an appropriate heading.

Copy also for information to:-

1. PS to Hon'ble MTA
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3. PS to Hon'ble MoS(TA-BT)
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Status report on implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 [for the period ending 31.12.2023]

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Readiness of the States in the implementation of the Act:

- (i) An updated status of State-wise implementation of the Act is given in **Annexure-I**. As per the information collected till now; **45,76,333 claims** (**43,86,780** individual and **1,89,553** community claims) have been filed and **23,49,174 titles** (**22,35,125** individual and **1,14,049** community titles) have been distributed.
- (ii) A total of **41,05,296 (89.71%)** claims have been disposed of.
- (iii) A statement on claims received and distribution of title deeds in various states, as in **Annexure-II**, is being maintained.

(ii) State wise details of claims received, titles distributed and the extent of forest land for which titles distributed (individual and community), as on 31.12.2023, in major States, is indicated below:

S. No.	States	No. of Claims received upto 31.12.2023			No. of Titles Distributed upto 31.12.2023			Extent of Forest land for which titles distributed (in acres)		
		Individual	Community	Total	Individual	Community	Total	Individual	Community	Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10
1	Andhra Pradesh	2,84,294	3,294	2,87,588	2,25,826	1,822	2,27,648	4,54,041	5,26,454	9,80,495.00
2	Assam	1,48,965	6,046	1,55,011	57,325	1,477	58,802	NA/NR	NA/NR	NA/NR
3	Bihar	8,022	NA/NR	8,022	121	0	121	NA/NR	NA/NR	NA/NR
4	Chhattisgarh	8,87,827	53,926	9,41,753	4,78,433	49,247	5,27,680	9,47,052.79	51,46,197.68	60,93,250.46
5	Goa	9,758	378	10,136	647	15	662	1,049.88	18.41	1,068.28
6	Gujarat	1,82,869	7,187	1,90,056	97,342	4,791	1,02,133	1,63,867.31	12,40,680.15	14,04,547.46
7	Himachal Pradesh	4,880	466	5,346	256	59	315	50.92	11,180.74	11,231.66
8	Jharkhand	1,07,032	3,724	1,10,756	59,866	2,104	61,970	1,53,395.86	1,03,758.97	2,57,154.83
9	Karnataka	2,88,549	5,940	2,94,489	14,981	1,345	16,326	20,077.30	36,340.52	56,417.82
10	Kerala	44,200	991	45,191	28,641	258	28,899	38,045.62	7,72,386.21	8,10,431.83
11	Madhya Pradesh	5,85,326	42,187	6,27,513	2,66,901	27,976	2,94,877	9,03,533.06	14,63,614.46	23,67,147.52
12	Maharashtra	3,90,477	11,323	4,01,800	1,98,504	8,407	2,06,911	5,68,497.37	33,02,498.77	38,70,996.15
13	Odisha	6,33,078	15,461	6,48,539	4,58,775	7,817	4,66,592	6,71,003.92	3,74,312.95	10,45,316.87
14	Rajasthan	1,11,560	8,478	1,20,038	48,614	2,259	50,873	68,591.34	1,83,091.77	2,51,683.11
15	Tamil Nadu	34,877	2,584	37,461	10,536	531	11,067	9,626.44	NA/NR	9,626.44
16	Telangana	2,04,176	2,808	2,06,984	97,434	102	97,536	3,10,916.00	3,631.00	3,14,547.00
17	Tripura	2,00,557	164	2,00,721	1,27,931	101	1,28,032	4,65,192.88	552.40	4,65,745.28
18	Uttar Pradesh	92,577	1,162	93,739	18,049	861	18,910	19,190.27	1,20,776.00	1,39,966.27
19	Uttarakhand	3,587	3,091	6,678	184	1	185	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	West Bengal	1,31,962	10,119	1,42,081	44,444	686	45,130	21,014.27	572.03	21,586.29
21	Jammu&Kashmir	32,207	10,224	42,431	315	4,190	4,505	NA/NR	NA/NR	NA/NR
TOTAL		43,86,780	1,89,553	45,76,333	22,35,125	1,14,049	23,49,174	48,15,146.22	1,32,86,066.05	1,81,01,212.28

NA/NR-Related figure is either not available or not reported.

#The figure of rejected community claims and title distributed under community claims with regard to Jharkhand State exceeds the figure of community claims received in the state is due to the figure reported for the rejected community claims for Ramgarh District of Jharkhand exceeds the received community claims.

Ind - Individual Forest Rights / Claims
Comm - Community Forest Rights / Claims
FRC - Forest Rights Committee

S.No.	State/UT	Title Deeds Distribution date	Problems / Remarks
1	Arunachal Pradesh	-	State Government has informed that Arunachal Pradesh is a 100 % tribal dominated State and almost all lands are wholly possessed by the various ethnic tribal groups. As such there is no instance of eviction of forest dwellers who have been dwelling in the Forest even before implementation of the Act, 2006. Consequently, there are no claims of Forest received under the Act, 2006.
2	Haryana	-	The State Govt. has informed that there are no Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers living in the forests of Haryana
3	Manipur	-	The State Government of Manipur has informed that there has been no substantial progress in the implementation of the Act due to the fact that apart from reserved forest/ wild life sanctuaries the tribal communities and Tribal Chiefs are already holding ownership of forest land as they are ancestral land. Therefore, implementation of said Act is likely to be very minimum.
4	Meghalaya	-	The State Government has submitted that it has 76.44% area under forest cover amongst which only 5.10% area is under direct administrative control of the State Forest Department in the form of Reserved Forest, Protected Forest, protected areas, and rest of the Forest areas are either privately or community owned. The major portion of forest areas are owned and administered by the traditional institutions like Syiem, Dolloi, and Nokma and communities are enjoying surface rights and sub-surface rights since time immemorial. It was further stated that Gram Sabha is absent due to application of 6 th Schedule Area. The State Government is in the process of identifying suitable institution or elected village committee to substitute the Gram Sabha to facilitate implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights), Act, 2006.
5	Mizoram	-	State Government informed that being a Sixth Schedule state, nearly 100% of the population of Mizoram are Scheduled Tribe and is sharing common ownership of non- reserved forest land under the jurisdiction of every village. Hence, the issue of deprivation or rejection of rights never arise till date as forest ownership rights was recognized and vested in the hands of the community of every villages since time immemorial.
6	Nagaland	-	Government of Nagaland informed that in the State of Nagaland, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is not applicable in view of the provisions of Article 371 A of the Constitution which gives special status to the State of Nagaland with regard to the rights of the people over land and its resources. The inhabitants of the State are predominantly tribal with distinct linguistic, culture, tradition, customs and socio- political characteristics and also the land and Forests belongs to the private individuals, clans or community in the villages and land holding and resources therein are governed by traditional and customary practices of the people. That the said Article also specifically provides that No Act of Parliament in respect of ownership and transfer of land and its resources, shall apply to the State of Nagaland unless the Legislative Assembly of Nagaland by a resolution so decides. That in view of the said provision of the Constitution, there is no resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly to make the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 applicable to the State of Nagaland

7	Sikkim	-	In Sikkim, there are no Forest Dwelling STs and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers in the true sense of the terms. Most of the STs of Sikkim hold revenue land in their own name and they are not solely dependent on the forests for their livelihood.
8	A&N Islands	-	The Andaman & Nicobar Administration has informed that the area inhabited by the Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory Andaman and Nicobar Islands has been declared as Reserved Areas under The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes), their interests are fully protected under the said Regulation by exclusively preserving the area for them in which they enjoy unfettered rights to use forests products for their bonafide use, so no claim as such is therefore settlement under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. And nobody qualifies for being the traditional forest dwellers having resided on the forest/ land / tribal reserve for the bonafide livelihood needs for three generations (75 years), prior to 13.12.2005 for the purpose of recognition of forest right under the above said Act. However, for the month of January 2022, the UT has reported NIL information for the first time.
9	D&N Haveli Daman & Diu	-	Administration of Daman & Diu has informed that as per records of Forest Department, no village in the District of Daman and Diu has been declared as forest village so far
10	Lakshadweep	-	The UT Administration has intimated that there are no terrestrial forests and no forest tribes or traditional forest dwellers in Lakshadweep.
11	Puducherry	-	The UT has submitted that there are no recorded forests i.e. Reserved or Protected forest land in Puducherry. The notified Scheduled Tribes in the UT does not reside on Forest Land hence as such the "Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 " is not applicable to the Union Territory of Puducherry
12	Ladakh	-	Ladakh has also started the process of FRA and furnished the nil data for MPR.

(A) Statement of Claims and distribution of title deeds under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as on 31.12.2023.

S. No.	States	No. of Claims received upto 30.11.2023			Claims received during the current month	No. of Claims received upto 31.12.2023			No. of Titles Distributed upto 30.11.2023			Title deeds distributed/ready during the current month	No. of Titles Distributed upto 31.12.2023		
		Individual	Community	Total		Individual	Community	Total	Individual	Community	Total		Individual	Community	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	2,84,294	3,294	2,87,588	0	2,84,294	3,294	2,87,588	2,25,826	1,822	2,27,648	0	2,25,826	1,822	2,27,648
2	Assam	1,48,965	6,046	1,55,011	0	1,48,965	6,046	1,55,011	57,325	1,477	58,802	0	57,325	1,477	58,802
3	Bihar	8,022	NA/NR	8,022	0	8,022	NA/NR	8,022	121	0	121	0	121	0	121
4	Chhattisgarh	8,83,938	53,920	9,37,858	3,895	8,87,827	53,926	9,41,753	4,75,100	49,241	5,24,341	3,339	4,78,433	49,247	5,27,680
5	Goa	9,758	378	10,136	0	9,758	378	10,136	647	15	662	0	647	15	662
6	Gujarat	1,82,869	7,187	1,90,056	0	1,82,869	7,187	1,90,056	96,559	4,791	1,01,350	783	97,342	4,791	1,02,133
7	Himachal Pradesh	4,880	466	5,346	0	4,880	466	5,346	256	59	315	0	256	59	315
8	Jharkhand	1,07,032	3,724	1,10,756	0	1,07,032	3,724	1,10,756	59,866	2,104	61,970	0	59,866	2,104	61,970
9	Karnataka	2,88,549	5,940	2,94,489	0	2,88,549	5,940	2,94,489	14,981	1,345	16,326	0	14,981	1,345	16,326
10	Kerala	44,200	991	45,191	0	44,200	991	45,191	28,641	224	28,865	34	28,641	258	28,899
11	Madhya Pradesh	5,85,326	42,187	6,27,513	0	5,85,326	42,187	6,27,513	2,66,901	27,976	2,94,877	0	2,66,901	27,976	2,94,877
12	Maharashtra	3,89,723	11,323	4,01,046	754	3,90,477	11,323	4,01,800	1,98,220	8,400	2,06,620	291	1,98,504	8,407	2,06,911
13	Odisha	6,32,326	15,461	6,47,787	752	6,33,078	15,461	6,48,539	4,57,238	7,813	4,65,051	1,541	4,58,775	7,817	4,66,592
14	Rajasthan	1,11,560	8,478	1,20,038	0	1,11,560	8,478	1,20,038	48,614	2,259	50,873	0	48,614	2,259	50,873
15	Tamil Nadu	34,877	2,584	37,461	0	34,877	2,584	37,461	10,536	531	11,067	0	10,536	531	11,067
16	Telangana	2,04,176	2,808	2,06,984	0	2,04,176	2,808	2,06,984	97,434	102	97,536	0	97,434	102	97,536
17	Tripura	2,00,557	164	2,00,721	0	2,00,557	164	2,00,721	1,27,931	101	1,28,032	0	1,27,931	101	1,28,032
18	Uttar Pradesh	92,577	1,162	93,739	0	92,577	1,162	93,739	18,049	861	18,910	0	18,049	861	18,910
19	Uttarakhand	3,587	3,091	6,678	0	3,587	3,091	6,678	184	1	185	0	184	1	185
20	West Bengal	1,31,962	10,119	1,42,081	0	1,31,962	10,119	1,42,081	44,444	686	45,130	0	44,444	686	45,130
21	Jammu&Kashmir	32,207	10,224	42,431	0	32,207	10,224	42,431	315	4,190	4,505	0	315	4,190	4,505
TOTAL		43,81,385	1,89,547	45,70,932	5,401	43,86,780	1,89,553	45,76,333	22,29,188	1,13,998	23,43,186	5,988	22,35,125	1,14,049	23,49,174

(B) Statement of Claims and Distribution of title deeds under The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as on 31.12.2023:

S. No.	States	No. of Claims received upto 31.12.2023			No. of Titles Distributed upto 31.12.2023			No. of Claims Rejected	Total No. of Claims Disposed off	% Claims disposed off with respect to claims received	% of Titles distributed over number of claims received
		Individual	Community	Total	Individual	Community	Total				
1	Andhra Pradesh	2,84,294	3,294	2,87,588	2,25,826	1,822	2,27,648	57,855	2,85,503	99.28%	79.16%
2	Assam	1,48,965	6,046	1,55,011	57,325	1,477	58,802	NA/NR	58,802	37.93%	37.93%
3	Bihar	8,022	NA/NR	8,022	121	0	121	4,215	4,336	54.05%	1.51%
4	Chhattisgarh	8,87,827	53,926	9,41,753	4,78,433	49,247	5,27,680	4,00,855	9,28,535	98.60%	56.03%
5	Goa	9,758	378	10,136	647	15	662	49	711	7.01%	6.53%
6	Gujarat	1,82,869	7,187	1,90,056	97,342	4,791	1,02,133	2,332	1,04,465	54.97%	53.74%
7	Himachal Pradesh	4,880	466	5,346	256	59	315	54	369	6.90%	5.89%
8	Jharkhand	1,07,032	3,724	1,10,756	59,866	2,104	61,970	28,107	90,077	81.33%	55.95%
9	Karnataka	2,88,549	5,940	2,94,489	14,981	1,345	16,326	2,53,269	2,69,595	91.55%	5.54%
10	Kerala	44,200	991	45,191	28,641	258	28,899	12,233	41,132	91.02%	63.95%
11	Madhya Pradesh	5,85,326	42,187	6,27,513	2,66,901	27,976	2,94,877	3,22,407	6,17,284	98.37%	46.99%
12	Maharashtra	3,90,477	11,323	4,01,800	1,98,504	8,407	2,06,911	77,580	2,84,491	70.80%	51.50%
13	Odisha	6,33,078	15,461	6,48,539	4,58,775	7,817	4,66,592	1,44,401	6,10,993	94.21%	71.95%
14	Rajasthan	1,11,560	8,478	1,20,038	48,614	2,259	50,873	63,614	1,14,487	95.38%	42.38%
15	Tamil Nadu	34,877	2,584	37,461	10,536	531	11,067	14,849	25,916	69.18%	29.54%
16	Telangana	2,04,176	2,808	2,06,984	97,434	102	97,536	94,426	1,91,962	92.74%	47.12%
17	Tripura	2,00,557	164	2,00,721	1,27,931	101	1,28,032	68,848	1,96,880	98.09%	63.79%
18	Uttar Pradesh	92,577	1,162	93,739	18,049	861	18,910	74,761	93,671	99.93%	20.17%
19	Uttarakhand	3,587	3,091	6,678	184	1	185	6,493	6,678	100.00%	2.77%
20	West Bengal	1,31,962	10,119	1,42,081	44,444	686	45,130	96,587	1,41,717	99.74%	31.76%
21	Jammu&Kashmir	32,207	10,224	42,431	315	4,190	4,505	33,187	37,692	88.83%	10.62%
TOTAL		43,86,780	1,89,553	45,76,333	22,35,125	1,14,049	23,49,174	17,56,122	41,05,296	89.71%	51.33%

Status of Implementation of The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) States as on 31.12.2023:

S. No.	States	No. of Claims received upto 31.12.2023			No. of Titles Distributed upto 31.12.2023			No. of Claims Rejected	Total No. of Claims Disposed off	% Claims disposed off with respect to claims received
		Individual	Community	Total	Individual	Community	Total			
1	Andhra Pradesh	2,84,294	3,294	2,87,588	2,25,826	1,822	2,27,648	57,855	2,85,503	99.28%
2	Bihar	8,022	NA/NR	8,022	121	NA/NR	121	4,215	4,336	54.05%
3	Chhattisgarh	8,87,827	53,926	9,41,753	4,78,433	49,247	5,27,680	4,00,855	9,28,535	98.60%
4	Jharkhand	1,07,032	3,724	1,10,756	59,866	2,104	61,970	28,107	90,077	81.33%
5	Kerala	44,200	991	45,191	28,641	258	28,899	12,233	41,132	91.02%
6	Madhya Pradesh	5,85,326	42,187	6,27,513	2,66,901	27,976	2,94,877	3,22,407	6,17,284	98.37%
7	Maharashtra	3,90,477	11,323	4,01,800	1,98,504	8,407	2,06,911	77,580	2,84,491	70.80%
8	Odisha	6,33,078	15,461	6,48,539	4,58,775	7,817	4,66,592	1,44,401	6,10,993	94.21%
9	Telangana	2,04,176	2,808	2,06,984	97,434	102	97,536	94,426	1,91,962	92.74%
10	Uttar Pradesh	92,577	1,162	93,739	18,049	861	18,910	74,761	93,671	99.93%
11	West Bengal	1,31,962	10,119	1,42,081	44,444	686	45,130	96,587	1,41,717	99.74%
TOTAL		33,68,971	1,44,995	35,13,966	18,76,994	99,280	19,76,274	13,13,427	32,89,701	93.62%