

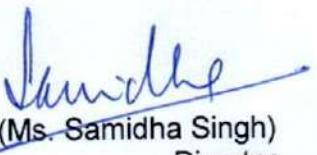
MOST IMMEDIATE

**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 7thMay 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 **28th February 2025** as desired, is sent herewith.


(Ms. Samidha Singh)
Director
Email: samidha.singh@gov.in

PMO (Shri. Rajesh Kumar Sahu, DS, PMO), South Block, New Delhi
M/o Tribal Affairs' I.D. No.23011/3/2016-FRA dated 24 April, 2025.

Copy to:

1. Cabinet Secretariat (Ms. Kavita Singh, Joint Secretary)
2. NITI Aayog (Programme Director, Social Justice and Empowerment)
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
2. PS to Hon'ble MoS (TA)
3. PPS to Secretary (TA)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

Status report on implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 [for the period ending 28.02.2025]

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; **51,04,904 claims** (48,99,903 individual and 2,05,001 community claims) have been filed and **25,03,453 titles** (23,85,334 individual and 1,18,119 community titles) have been distributed.
- (ii) A total of **43, 59, 245 (85.39%)** 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 28.02.2025, in major States, is indicated below:

S. No.	States	No. of Claims received upto 28.02.2025			No. of Titles Distributed upto 28.02.2025			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	285,087	3,294	288,381	226,651	1,822	228,473	454,706	526,454	981,160.00
2	Assam	148,965	6,046	155,011	57,325	1,477	58,802	NA/NR	NA/NR	NA/NR
3	Bihar	4,696	0	4,696	191	0	191	53.03	0.00	53
4	Chhattisgarh	888,028	53,949	941,977	478,563	49,270	527,833	947,277.70	5,146,706.20	6,093,983.90
5	Goa	9,757	379	10,136	856	15	871	1,506.80	18.66	1,525.45
6	Gujarat	182,869	7,187	190,056	98,289	4,791	103,080	167,510.01	1,240,680.15	1,408,190.16
7	Himachal Pradesh	4,880	539	5,419	513	146	659	110.03	62,678.18	62,788.22
8	Jharkhand	107,032	3,724	110,756	59,866	2,104	61,970	153,395.86	103,758.97	257,154.83
9	Karnataka	288,549	5,940	294,489	14,981	1,345	16,326	20,077.30	36,340.52	56,417.82
10	Kerala	44,455	991	45,446	29,139	261	29,400	38,597.80	788,651.25	827,249.05
11	Madhya Pradesh	585,326	42,187	627,513	266,901	27,976	294,877	903,533.06	1,463,614.46	2,367,147.52
12	Maharashtra	397,897	11,259	409,156	199,667	8,668	208,335	461,491.25	3,371,497.43	3,832,988.68
13	Odisha	691,948	31,893	723,841	461,475	8,634	470,109	673,849.85	672,572.61	1,346,422.46
14	Rajasthan	113,162	5,213	118,375	49,215	2,551	51,766	70,387.18	239,763.95	310,151.13
15	Tamil Nadu	33,119	1,548	34,667	15,442	1,066	16,508	22,104.80	60,468.77	82,573.57
16	Telangana	651,822	3,427	655,249	230,735	721	231,456	669,689.14	457,663.17	1,127,352.32
17	Tripura	200,557	164	200,721	127,931	101	128,032	465,192.88	552.40	465,745.28
18	Uttar Pradesh	92,972	1,194	94,166	22,537	893	23,430	NA/NR	NA/NR	NA/NR
19	Uttarakhand	3,587	3,091	6,678	184	1	185	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	West Bengal	131,962	10,119	142,081	44,444	686	45,130	21,014.27	572.03	21,586.29
21	Jammu & Kashmir	33,233	12,857	46,090	429	5,591	6,020	NA/NR	NA/NR	NA/NR
TOTAL		4,899,903	205,001	5,104,904	2,385,334	118,119	2,503,453	5,070,496.95	14,171,992.76	19,242,489.72

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

Statement showing State-wise status of implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as on 28.02.2025

NA. The States have been reporting data pertaining to titles distributed, while data pertaining to DLC approved claims by many of the State Government have not been furnished for the same period, indicated as NA in MPR.

4. The State Government data pertaining to individual claims filed at Gram Sabha in Banka, Gaya, Kaimur and Rohtas districts of Bihar, as per clarification provided by the State Government of Bihar.

SDLC - Sub-Divisional Level Committee
DLC - District Level Committee
SLMC - State Level Monitoring Committee

GS - Gram Sabha
Y - Yes
N - No

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

4

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/ wildlife 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, Dollo, 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 village since time immemorial. <i>Recently, Governor of Mizoram has passed an order dated 21.08.2024 to adopt the implementation of FRA in Mizoram State.</i>
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 28.02.2025:

S. No	States	No. of Claims received upto 31.01.2025			Claims received during the current month	No. of Claims received upto 28.02.2025			No. of Titles Distributed upto 31.01.2025			Title deeds distributed/ready during the current month	No. of Titles Distributed upto 28.02.2025		
		Individual	Community	Total		Individual	Community	Total	Individual	Community	Total		Individual	Community	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	284,870	3,294	288,164	217	285,087	3,294	288,381	226,434	1,822	228,256	217	226,651	1,822	228,473
2	Assam	148,965	6,046	155,011	0	148,965	6,046	155,011	57,325	1,477	58,802	0	57,325	1,477	58,802
3	Bihar	8,022	0	8,022	-3,326*	4,696	0	4,696	121	0	121	70	191	0	191
4	Chhattisgarh	888,028	53,949	941,977	0	888,028	53,949	941,977	478,563	49,270	527,833	0	478,563	49,270	527,833
5	Goa	9,758	378	10,136	0	9,757	379	10,136	856	15	871	0	856	15	871
6	Gujarat	182,869	7,187	190,056	0	182,869	7,187	190,056	98,289	4,791	103,080	0	98,289	4,791	103,080
7	Himachal Pradesh	4,880	539	5,419	0	4,880	539	5,419	513	146	659	0	513	146	659
8	Jharkhand	107,032	3,724	110,756	0	107,032	3,724	110,756	59,866	2,104	61,970	0	59,866	2,104	61,970
9	Karnataka	288,549	5,940	294,489	0	288,549	5,940	294,489	14,981	1,345	16,326	0	14,981	1,345	16,326
10	Kerala	44,455	991	45,446	0	44,455	991	45,446	29,139	261	29,400	0	29,139	261	29,400
11	Madhya Pradesh	585,326	42,187	627,513	0	585,326	42,187	627,513	266,901	27,976	294,877	0	266,901	27,976	294,877
12	Maharashtra	397,897	11,259	409,156	0	397,897	11,259	409,156	199,667	8,668	208,335	0	199,667	8,668	208,335
13	Odisha	691,757	28,262	720,019	3,822	691,948	31,893	723,841	461,418	8,230	469,648	461	461,475	8,634	470,109
14	Rajasthan	113,162	5,213	118,375	0	113,162	5,213	118,375	49,215	2,551	51,766	0	49,215	2,551	51,766
15	Tamil Nadu	33,119	1,548	34,667	0	33,119	1,548	34,667	15,442	1,066	16,508	0	15,442	1,066	16,508
16	Telangana	651,822	3,427	655,249	0	651,822	3,427	655,249	230,735	721	231,456	0	230,735	721	231,456
17	Tripura	200,557	164	200,721	0	200,557	164	200,721	127,931	101	128,032	0	127,931	101	128,032
18	Uttar Pradesh	92,577	1,162	93,739	427	92,972	1,194	94,166	18,049	861	18,910	4,520	22,537	893	23,430
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	131,962	10,119	142,081	0	131,962	10,119	142,081	44,444	686	45,130	0	44,444	686	45,130
21	Jammu & Kashmir	33,233	12,857	46,090	0	33,233	12,857	46,090	429	5,591	6,020	0	429	5,591	6,020
	TOTAL	4,902,427	201,337	5,103,764	1,140	4,899,903	205,001	5,104,904	2,380,502	117,683	2,498,185	5,268	2,385,334	118,119	2,503,453

(*Bihar State has reduced data pertaining to individual claims filed at Gram Sabha in Banka, Gaya, Kaimur and Rohtas districts of Bihar, as per clarification provided by the State Government of Bihar)

(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 28.02.2025:

S. No.	States	No. of Claims received upto 28.02.2025			No. of Titles Distributed upto 28.02.2025			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	285,087	3,294	288,381	226,651	1,822	228,473	58,410	286,883	99.48%	79.23%
2	Assam	148,965	6,046	155,011	57,325	1,477	58,802	NA/NR	58,802	37.93%	37.93%
3	Bihar	4,696	0	4,696	191	0	191	4,496	4,687	99.81%	4.07%
4	Chhattisgarh	888,028	53,949	941,977	478,563	49,270	527,833	400,649	928,482	98.57%	56.03%
5	Goa	9,757	379	10,136	856	15	871	178	1,049	10.35%	8.59%
6	Gujarat	182,869	7,187	190,056	98,289	4,791	103,080	2,332	105,412	55.46%	54.24%
7	Himachal Pradesh	4,880	539	5,419	513	146	659	54	713	13.16%	12.16%
8	Jharkhand	107,032	3,724	110,756	59,866	2,104	61,970	28,107	90,077	81.33%	55.95%
9	Karnataka	288,549	5,940	294,489	14,981	1,345	16,326	253,269	269,595	91.55%	5.54%
10	Kerala	44,455	991	45,446	29,139	261	29,400	12,977	42,377	93.25%	64.69%
11	Madhya Pradesh	585,326	42,187	627,513	266,901	27,976	294,877	322,407	617,284	98.37%	46.99%
12	Maharashtra	397,897	11,259	409,156	199,667	8,668	208,335	172,631	380,966	93.11%	50.92%
13	Odisha	691,948	31,893	723,841	461,475	8,634	470,109	144,636	614,745	84.93%	64.95%
14	Rajasthan	113,162	5,213	118,375	49,215	2,551	51,766	65,921	117,687	99.42%	43.73%
15	Tamil Nadu	33,119	1,548	34,667	15,442	1,066	16,508	12,711	29,219	84.28%	47.62%
16	Telangana	651,822	3,427	655,249	230,735	721	231,456	94,426	325,882	49.73%	35.32%
17	Tripura	200,557	164	200,721	127,931	101	128,032	68,848	196,880	98.09%	63.79%
18	Uttar Pradesh	92,972	1,194	94,166	22,537	893	23,430	70,736	94,166	100.00%	24.88%
19	Uttarakhand	3,587	3,091	6,678	184	1	185	6,493	6,678	100.00%	2.77%
20	West Bengal	131,962	10,119	142,081	44,444	686	45,130	96,587	141,717	99.74%	31.76%
21	Jammu & Kashmir	33,233	12,857	46,090	429	5,591	6,020	39,924	45,944	99.68%	13.06%
TOTAL		4,899,903	205,001	5,104,904	2,385,334	118,119	2,503,453	1,855,792	4,359,245	85.39%	49.04%

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 28.02.2025:

S. No.	States	No. of Claims received upto 28.02.2025			No. of Titles Distributed upto 28.02.2025			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	285,087	3,294	288,381	226,651	1,822	228,473	58,410	286,883	99.48%
2	Bihar	4,696	0	4,696	191	NA/NR	191	4,496	4,687	99.81%
3	Chhattisgarh	888,028	53,949	941,977	478,563	49,270	527,833	400,649	928,482	98.57%
4	Jharkhand	107,032	3,724	110,756	59,866	2,104	61,970	28,107	90,077	81.33%
5	Kerala	44,455	991	45,446	29,139	261	29,400	12,977	42,377	93.25%
6	Madhya Pradesh	585,326	42,187	627,513	266,901	27,976	294,877	322,407	617,284	98.37%
7	Maharashtra	397,897	11,259	409,156	199,667	8,668	208,335	172,631	380,966	93.11%
8	Odisha	691,948	31,893	723,841	461,475	8,634	470,109	144,636	614,745	84.93%
9	Telangana	651,822	3,427	655,249	230,735	721	231,456	94,426	325,882	49.73%
10	Uttar Pradesh	92,972	1,194	94,166	22,537	893	23,430	70,736	94,166	100.00%
11	West Bengal	131,962	10,119	142,081	44,444	686	45,130	96,587	141,717	99.74%
TOTAL		3,881,225	162,037	4,043,262	2,020,169	101,035	2,121,204	1,406,062	3,527,266	87.24%