

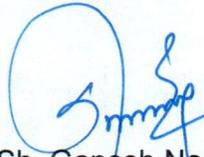
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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS**

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 **28st February 2026** as desired, is sent herewith.


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M/o Tribal Affairs' I.D. No.23011/3/2016-FRA dated ^{12th} March 2026.

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1. Cabinet Secretariat (Sh. Rohit Kumar, Additional 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
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3. PPS to Secretary (TA)

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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 28.02.2026]

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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; **54,00,519 claims** (51,85,597 individual and 2,14,922 community claims) have been filed and **25,38,320 titles** (24,14,131 individual and 1,24,189 community titles) have been distributed.
- (ii) A total of **43,50,859 (80.56%)** 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 28.02.2026, in major States, is indicated below:

S. No.	States	No. of Claims received upto 28.02.2026			No. of Titles Distributed upto 28.02.2026			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	7	8	9
1	Andhra Pradesh	285,115	3,294	288,409	226,667	1,822	228,489	454,723	526,454	981,177.00
2	Assam	208,062	8,582	216,644	84,861	2,575	87,436	496,601	9,165	505,766
3	Bihar	4,696	0	4,696	191	0	191	53.03	0.00	53
4	Chhattisgarh	890,220	57,259	947,479	481,432	52,636	534,068	949,770.89	9,102,957.49	10,052,728.38
5	Goa	9,958	388	10,346	1,028	19	1,047	1,715.85	19.18	1,735.02
6	Gujarat	183,055	7,187	190,242	98,732	4,792	103,524	168,448.83	1,240,680.15	1,409,128.99
7	Himachal Pradesh	5,931	864	6,795	883	148	1,031	156.04	62,677.24	62,833.27
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	289,236	5,940	295,176	15,355	1,345	16,700	20,296.12	43,478.00	63,774.12
10	Kerala	44,455	1,018	45,473	29,422	284	29,706	38,810.58	788,651.25	827,461.83
11	Madhya Pradesh	766,430	40,975	807,405	260,707	28,754	289,461	842,543.64	1,463,035.78	2,305,579.42
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	733,158	36,819	769,977	464,504	9,432	473,936	676,918.65	819,320.74	1,496,239.38
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	3,525	3,091	6,616	83	1	84	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		5,185,597	214,922	5,400,519	2,414,131	124,189	2,538,320	5513312.86	18290715.97	23804028.83

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

S. No.	State/UT	Title Deeds Distribution date	Problems / Remarks
1	Arunachal Pradesh	-	The 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 this 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 it is their ancestral land. Therefore, implementation of said Act is minimal.
4	Meghalaya	-	<p>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 Forests, Protected Forests, 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, 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 6th Schedule Area. The State Government is in the process of identifying a 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.</p> <p><i>Recently, on 4th September 2025, the Government of Meghalaya informed about the constitution of DLC for the implementation of FRA in East Khasi Hills District, Shillong.</i></p>
5	Mizoram	-	The State Government informed that, nearly 100% of the population of Mizoram are Scheduled Tribes and they share common ownership of non-reserved forest land under the jurisdiction of every village. Hence, the issue of deprivation or rejection of rights has never arisen to date, as forest ownership rights have been recognized and vested in the hands of the community of every village since time immemorial. The Governor of Mizoram has passed an order dated 21.08.2024 to adopt the implementation of FRA in Mizoram State. No progress has been updated thereafter.
6	Nagaland	-	The 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, cultural, traditional, customary, and socio-political characteristics and also the land and Forests belong to the private individuals, clans or communities 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	-	The Government of Sikkim has informed that in Sikkim, there are no Scheduled Tribes 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	-	As per the Affidavit filed by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration in WP (C) 109 of 2008 titled Wildlife First & Ors. Vs Union of India in Hon'ble Supreme Court and in affidavit filed in WPA(P) No 12 of 2024 in the matter of Meena Gupta Vs Union of India in Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta, the UT has submitted that: "The Area inhabited by the Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory of 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 forest products for their Bonafide use."
9	D&N Haveli Daman & Diu	-	The 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 a 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 do 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 28.02.2026:

S. No.	States	No. of Claims received upto 31.01.2026			Claims received during the current month	No. of Claims received upto 28.02.2026			No. of Titles Distributed upto 31.01.2026			Title deeds distributed / ready during the current month	No. of Titles Distributed upto 28.02.2026		
		Individual	Community	Total		Individual	Community	Total	Individual	Community	Total		Individual	Community	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	285,115	3,294	288,409	0	285,115	3,294	288,409	226,667	1,822	228,489	0	226,667	1,822	228,489
2	Assam	208,062	8,582	216,644	0	208,062	8,582	216,644	84,861	2,575	87,436	0	84,861	2,575	87,436
3	Bihar	4,696	0	4,696	0	4,696	0	4,696	191	0	191	0	191	0	191
4	Chhattisgarh	890,220	57,259	947,479	0	890,220	57,259	947,479	481,432	52,636	534,068	0	481,432	52,636	534,068
5	Goa	9,958	388	10,346	0	9,958	388	10,346	1,028	19	1,047	0	1,028	19	1,047
6	Gujarat	183,055	7,187	190,242	0	183,055	7,187	190,242	98,732	4,792	103,524	0	98,732	4,792	103,524
7	Himachal Pradesh	5,931	864	6,795	0	5,931	864	6,795	883	148	1,031	0	883	148	1,031
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	289,236	5,940	295,176	0	289,236	5,940	295,176	15,355	1,345	16,700	0	15,355	1,345	16,700
10	Kerala	44,455	1,018	45,473	0	44,455	1,018	45,473	29,422	284	29,706	0	29,422	284	29,706
11	Madhya Pradesh	585,326	42,187	627,513	179,892	766,430	40,975	807,405	266,901	27,976	294,877	-5,416	260,707	28,754	289,461
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	732,866	36,795	769,661	316	733,158	36,819	769,977	464,504	9,380	473,884	52	464,504	9,432	473,936
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	92,972	1,194	94,166	0	92,972	1,194	94,166	22,537	893	23,430	0	22,537	893	23,430
19	Uttarakhand	3,587	3,091	6,678	-62	3,525	3,091	6,616	184	1	185	-101	83	1	84
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		5,004,263	216,110	5,220,373	180,146	5,185,597	214,922	5,400,519	2,420,426	123,359	2,543,785	-5,465	2,414,131	124,189	2,538,320

(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 28.02.2026:

S. No.	States	No. of Claims received upto 28.02.2026			No. of Titles Distributed upto 28.02.2026			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	285,115	3,294	288,409	226,667	1,822	228,489	58,395	286,884	99.47%	79.22%
2	Assam	208,062	8,582	216,644	84,861	2,575	87,436	16,379	103,815	47.92%	40.36%
3	Bihar	4,696	0	4,696	191	0	191	4,496	4,687	99.81%	4.07%
4	Chhattisgarh	890,220	57,259	947,479	481,432	52,636	534,068	406,787	940,855	99.30%	56.37%
5	Goa	9,958	388	10,346	1,028	19	1,047	1,290	2,337	22.59%	10.12%
6	Gujarat	183,055	7,187	190,242	98,732	4,792	103,524	2,331	105,855	55.64%	54.42%
7	Himachal Pradesh	5,931	864	6,795	883	148	1,031	55	1,086	15.98%	15.17%
8	Jharkhand	107,032	3,724	110,756	59,866	2,104	61,970	28,107	90,077	81.33%	55.95%
9	Karnataka	289,236	5,940	295,176	15,355	1,345	16,700	262,379	279,079	94.55%	5.66%
10	Kerala	44,455	1,018	45,473	29,422	284	29,706	13,214	42,920	94.39%	65.33%
11	Madhya Pradesh	766,430	40,975	807,405	260,707	28,754	289,461	244,487	533,948	66.13%	35.85%
12	Maharashtra	397,897	11,259	409,156	199,667	8,668	208,335	172,631	380,966	93.11%	50.92%
13	Odisha	733,158	36,819	769,977	464,504	9,432	473,936	146,345	620,281	80.56%	61.55%
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	3,525	3,091	6,616	83	1	84	6,490	6,574	99.37%	1.27%
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		5,185,597	214,922	5,400,519	2,414,131	124,189	2,538,320	1,812,539	4,350,859	80.56%	47.00%

Annexure-III

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 28.02.2026:

S. No.	States	No. of Claims received upto 28.02.2026			No. of Titles Distributed upto 28.02.2026			No. of Claims Rejected	Total No. of Claims Disposed off	% Claims disposed of with respect to claims received
		Individual	Community	Total	Individual	Community	Total			
1	Andhra Pradesh	285,115	3,294	288,409	226,667	1,822	228,489	58,395	286,884	99.47%
2	Bihar	4,696	0	4,696	191	NA/NR	191	4,496	4,687	99.81%
3	Chhattisgarh	890,220	57,259	947,479	481,432	52,636	534,068	406,787	940,855	99.30%
4	Jharkhand	107,032	3,724	110,756	59,866	2,104	61,970	28,107	90,077	81.33%
5	Kerala	44,455	1,018	45,473	29,422	284	29,706	13,214	42,920	94.39%
6	Madhya Pradesh	766,430	40,975	807,405	260,707	28,754	289,461	244,487	533,948	66.13%
7	Maharashtra	397,897	11,259	409,156	199,667	8,668	208,335	172,631	380,966	93.11%
8	Odisha	733,158	36,819	769,977	464,504	9,432	473,936	146,345	620,281	80.56%
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		4,105,759	169,088	4,274,847	2,020,172	106,000	2,126,172	1,336,211	3,462,383	80.99%