To,
The Secretary
Tribal Development Department
Government of Maharashtra
Mumbai – 400 032.

Subject: Applicability of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 in Municipal Areas.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to TRTI/ Forest Act/ FRA in Municipal areas/ 460 and this Ministry’s letter No. 17014/ 02/ 2007-PC&V (Vol VII) (Pt) dated 4.3.2010 on the above subject and to state that, the clarification issued by this Ministry on the issue of applicability of the Forest Rights Act in Municipal Areas has been reviewed in consultation with Ministry of Law. The revised clarification on this matter shall be issued shortly to all the State/ UT Governments. The stand of this Ministry is that Forest Rights Act applies to Municipal Areas and the clarification issued earlier vide letter No. 17014/ 02/ 2007-PC&V (Vol VII) (Pt) dated 4.3.2010, as referred to above, stands withdrawn.

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