F. No. 23011/18/2018- FRA
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
FRA Division

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Dated: 7th December, 2018

To,

The Principal Secretary,
Tribal Welfare Department,
Government of Telangana,
“D” Block, Ground Floor, Room No. 132
Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad- 500022

Subject: Tribal Welfare Department – Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 – Clarification sought for providing Bore wells with Energization in the lands of beneficiaries in Telangana State whose rights have been recognized- Regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to Government of Telangana Tribal Welfare Department’s letter No. 972/ TW. LTR/2018- dated 26.6.2018 on the above mentioned subject mentioned above and to say that providing bore wells with energization in the lands of beneficiaries whose rights have been recognized in Telangana State, being a developmental facility, is duly covered under sub-sections (e), (g) and (h) of Section 3 (2) of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights), Act, 2006 subject to conditions as follows:

1. It does not involve felling of trees not exceeding seventy-five trees per hectare.
2. The extent of land which can be diverted for the said purpose must be less than one hectare.
3. All the Gram Sabhas (as defined under the Section 2 (g) of FRA, 2006) where drilling of bore Wells and drawing of new power lines is proposed and from where movement of drilling machines is supposed must pass a resolution separately in the support of diversion of forest land for stated non-forest purposes after convening a meeting of having a quorum of 50% for the stated purpose.
4. The concerned Gram Sabha must certify that Forest Rights recognition and verification process under the FRA is complete in the area being proposed for the diversion.

(Shyla Titus)
Director