

**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 30th November, 2009]

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1. 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 30th November, 2009, **more than 25 lakh claims have been filed and more than 5.73 lakh titles have been distributed. More than 43 thousand titles were ready for distribution.**

State-wise synopsis of claims approved by DLCs and titles distributed, as on 30.11.09, with respect to the status on May 09, the month of announcement of special drive, is as below:

State	No. of claims approved by DLC		No. of titles distributed		Increase (% increase)	
	May 09	November 09	May 09	November 09	Claims ready for distribution	Titles Distributed
Andhra Pradesh	128,948	1,80,074	330	1,73,052	51,126 (39.46%)	1,72,722 (52340%)
Chhattisgarh	109,711	1,92,088*	102,800	1,92,088	82,377*. (75.00%)	89,288 (46.48%)
Gujarat	2,023	7,584	-	7,584	5,561 (274.88%)	7,584 (Very High)
Jharkhand	Not available	Not available	-	72 distributed including 2 community rights	N.A. (N.A)	72 (Very High)
Kerala	-	118	-	23	118 (Very High)	23 (Very High)
Madhya Pradesh	43,292	3,15,223	24,571	47,460	2,71,931 (628.13%)	22,889 (93.15%)
Maharashtra	1,365	4,568	-	2,453	3,203 (70.11%)	2,453 (Very High)
Orissa	29,816	58,163	-	50,190	28,347 (95.07%)	50,190

Rajasthan	2,023	10,912	1,778	6,454	8,889 (439.39%)	4,676 (263%)
Tripura	29,507	87,212	29,507	82,741	57,705 (195.56%)	53,234 (180.41%)
West Bengal	7,545	17,070	5,249	11,110	9,525 (126.24%)	5,861 (111.66%)
Total	3,54,230	8,73,012* (246.45%)	1,64,235	5,73,227 (349.00%)	5,18,782* (146.45%)	4,08,992 (249.00%)

*Government of Chhattisgarh has not given the figure of number of claims approved by DLC; hence number of titles distributed has been taken as the number of claims approved by DLC.

Pending population of the web-site (www.foresights.gov.in), a statement on claims received and distribution of title deeds in various states, as in **Annexure-II**, is being maintained.

- (ii) A list of States/UTs that are not uploading the website is at **Annexure-III**. A list of States/UTs that have not distributed any title so far, is also given in Annexure-III. Annexures I, II & III are being put up on the Ministry's web-site.

2. Clarifications sought by the States, if any :

No State has asked for any fresh clarification.

3. Matters relating to the Act pending at the level of Government of India:

- NIL -

4. Monitoring of the implementation of the Act:

As informed earlier, the Ministry convened a two-day Conference of Chief Ministers, State Ministers (Tribal Development / Social Welfare Departments) and State Ministers (Forest Departments) on 4th and 5th November, 2009, which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 4th November, 2009, to take stock of the status of implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, the preparedness of States to adhere to the December 2009 deadline and a few major tribal development / welfare programmes in the States.

In his speech at the inaugural session of the Conference, the Hon'ble Prime Minister observed that while some States had achieved remarkable progress in the distribution of titles, others were lagging behind. In a few States, even the process of receiving claims was yet to commence. He urged all the Chief Ministers and their colleagues to spare no effort to ensure effective implementation of the Act and expeditious disposal of titles well within the given time frame. He emphasized the need for implementing the Provisions of Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, in letter and spirit, dovetailing development and welfare programmes in tribal areas, giving priority attention to education, health, improvement of agricultural productivity, skill development training in tribal areas, besides improvement of the laws and mechanism for providing compensation to displaced tribals and creation of sustainable livelihoods, etc. He also emphasized the importance of posting of committed officers in tribal areas for strengthening the administrative machinery in those areas and suggested review and withdrawal of cases registered against the tribals related to forest laws as had been done by the Government of Jharkhand recently and by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in the past.

The Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs, vide his letter dated 19.11.2009, has brought the observations of the Hon'ble Prime Minister to the notice of the State Chief Ministers for necessary follow up.
