

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
ST & SC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

No 15503 /SSD Dated, Bhubaneswar the, 03 .08.2015
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From,

Shri R.Raghu Prasad, IFS.
Director (ST)-cum-Addl. Secy. to Govt.

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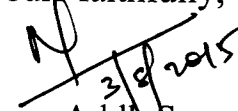
1. Shri Balabhadra Majhi, Hon'ble M.L.A., Lanjigarh.
Quarter No. F-6/2, MLA Colony, Unit-IV, BBSR.
2. Shri Dambaru Sisa, Hon'ble M.L.A., Chittrakonda.
Quarter No. DS-8/1, MLA Colony, Unit-IV, BBSR.
3. Sri Jogesh Kumar Singh, Hon'ble M.L.A., Sundergarh
Quarter No. DS-9/1, MLA Colony, Unit-IV, BBSR.

Sub:- Proceedings of the 8th State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) meeting on implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and Amendment Rules, 2012 held on 21.07.2015 at 12.30 P.M. in the 2nd floor conference hall of the Secretariat building.

Sir,

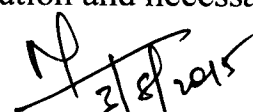
I am directed to send herewith the copy of the proceedings of the 8th State Level Monitoring Committee meeting on implementation of the STs and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and Amendment Rules, 2012 held on 21.07.2015 at 12.30 P.M. in 2nd floor conference hall of the Secretariat building for kind information.

Yours faithfully,


Director (ST)-cum-Addl. Secretary to Govt.

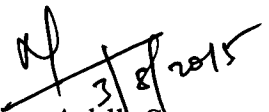
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Copy along with copy of the proceedings of the 8th SLMC committee meeting forwarded to D.C.-cum-Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt., Forest & Environment Deptt. / Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue & D.M. Deptt./ Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt., Panchayati Raj Deptt./ Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha, Bhubaneswar/ Director, SCSTRTI, CRP Square, Bhubaneswar for kind information and necessary action.


Director (ST)-cum-Addl. Secretary to Govt. contd...2..

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Copy along with copy of the proceedings of the 8th SLMC committee meeting sent to P.S. to Chief Secretary, Odisha/ P.S. to Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt., ST & SC Development Department/ P.S. to Director (ST)-cum-Addl. Secretary to Govt., SSD Department for kind information of the Authorities respectively.


Director (ST)-cum-Addl. Secretary to Govt.

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Copy along with copy of the proceedings of the 8th SLMC sent to all Collectors-cum-Chairpersons of DLCs on implementation of FRA for information and necessary action.


Director (ST)-cum-Addl. Secretary to Govt.

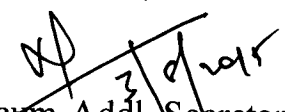
Memo No. 15507 / SSD Dt. 03-08-2015

Copy along with copy of the proceedings of the 8th SLMC sent to all R.D.C.s for kind information and necessary action.


Director (ST)-cum-Addl. Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 15508 / SSD Dt. 03-08-2015

Copy along with copy of the proceedings of the 8th SLMC sent to all Nodal Officers under FRA (9 nos. of PA,ITDAs and 21 nos. of DWOs) for information and necessary action. They are requested to take necessary steps for compliance of the minutes contained in the proceedings by the stipulated timeline.


Director (ST)-cum-Addl. Secretary to Govt.

**Proceedings of the 8th State level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) on
Implementation of Forest Rights Act & Rules held on
21.07.2015 at 12.30 PM**

The 8th State level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) meeting on Implementation of the Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 was held on 21.07.2015 at 12.30 PM in the 2nd Floor Conference Hall of the Secretariat under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Odisha. The list of members present is enclosed at **Annexure-1**.

Commissioner cum Secretary, ST & SC Development Department welcomed all members and thereafter requested the Director (ST) cum Addl. Secretary to initiate the discussions agenda wise.

1. The proceedings of the 7th SLMC meeting held on 27.06.2013 communicated to all members vide letter No.22857/SSD dt.04.07.2013 of the ST & SC Dev. Department was approved.
2. Action taken on the decisions of the 7th SLMC and the progress of implementation of the Forest Rights Act was discussed in detail.
3. The committee observed that 71,289 individual claims and 5,990 Community claims are pending at Gram Sabha, SDLC and DLC levels for disposal. The committee emphasised that these claims should be disposed of in a time bound manner. Accordingly the district Collectors should take necessary steps to dispose the pending claims as per the following time line:

Sl No	Activities	Time line
a	Preparation of comprehensive lists of claims with reasons thereof pending at Gram Sabha, SDLC and DLC level and its categorization. (To be prepared by the respective PA,ITDAs & DWOs)	By 30.09.2015
b	Communication to various authorities including Gram Sabha and claimants to address the causes of pendency. (By PA, ITDAs & DWOs concerned)	By 15.10.2015
c	Compliance and final disposal of the pending claims by the Gram Sabha / SDLC / DLC	By 30.11.2015

(Action: All Collectors)

4. As per the instruction issued by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GoI the claims which are rejected needs to be communicated to the applicants with the reasons

for rejection. The applicant can thereafter appeal before the SDLC or the DLC as the case may be. Accordingly there are 1,56,793 individual cases and 301 Community claims which are rejected at various levels. The committee observed that these rejected claims need to be dealt as per procedure in a time bound manner as follows:

Sl. No	Activities	Time line
a	Preparation of comprehensive list of rejected claims & its categorization.	By 30.09.2015
b	Awareness & IEC campaign	August & September, 2015.
c	Communication of the reasons of rejection to the claimants by the respective authorities.	By 31.10.2015
d	Claimants to file their appeals in the prescribed formats before appropriate authority by end of December, 2015.	By 31.12.2015
e	SDLC /DLC to hear and dispose of appeal petitions.	By 31.03.2016

(Action: All Collectors)

- Many title holders are not aware about the exact boundaries of the forest land vested with them. So there is urgent need for undertaking Survey and Demarcation of the plots of the concerned title holders. The committee emphasised that this needs to be taken up by the field functionaries of Revenue & DM Department and Forest & Environment Department. If any budgetary support is required for hiring of retired amins /personnel for survey, it would be provided by the ST&SC Development Department. The committee suggested that the issuance of Sketch Maps for the title holders should be completed by September 2015 and the detailed Survey & Demarcation of all plots should be completed by March 2016.

(Action: All Collectors)

- As per rule 12-A (9) of the Forest Rights Rules, the R&DM and F&E Department need to prepare a final map of the forest land vested and incorporate the forest rights in the revenue and forest records. The committee observed that the R&DM and F&E Departments need to follow up on the issue of correction of RoRs and Maps of the lands vested with the FRA beneficiaries by March 2016.

(Action: All Collectors & DFOs)

- The FRA beneficiaries are being provided livelihood support activities by converging with various schemes like IAY, Mo Kudia, Mo Pokari, MGNREGA, National Horticulture Mission, National Bamboo Mission etc. The committee observed that there needs to be continued support for the individual title holders

through various anti-poverty schemes of the Government for land development & creation of irrigation potentials. Further emphasis also should be given for promoting farm forestry and horticulture activities in the land allotted under FRA. This should be closely monitored by the respective PA, ITDAs in the scheduled areas and PD, DRDAs in the non-scheduled areas.

(Action: All Collectors/ PD, DRDAs/PA, ITDAs)

8. The Forest Rights Act, 2006 provides for conversion of all forest villages, old habitations, un-surveyed villages and other villages in forest lands, whether recorded, notified or not into revenue villages. There are 22 Forest Villages under the records of the F&E Department. In many forest villages, the right holders have been issued individual titles. However, the conversion of these Forest villages into Revenue Villages is still pending. The committee emphasised that the Revenue and Disaster Management Department may issue comprehensive guidelines incorporating the existing State Revenue Laws for conversion of forest villages/ Un-surveyed forest villages/ forest habitations into revenue villages, consequent upon the finalisation of the list by DLC.

(Action: Revenue & DM Deptt. / Forest & Env. Deptt. / All Collectors / All DFOs)

9. The MoTA, GoI had issued guidelines that the JFM Committees or the Vana Surakshya Samities (VSS) are not eligible for availing the Community Forest Rights as per the FRA provisions. The committee observed that in Odisha, the VSS have been over the years nurtured by the F&E Department to sustainably manage and protect forest resources. Hence the committee decided that those VSS where there are no conflicts with the Gram Sabha in sustainable management of the forest resources may be identified so that Community Forest Rights can be given under FRA.

(All Collectors / All DFOs)

10. The committee decided that the Superintendents of Police / Addl. SPs are to be co-opted as DLC members, while Sub Divisional Police Officers are to be co-opted at the SDLC level as Special Invitees.

(Action: ST & SC Dev. Department/ Home Department / All SPs)

11. SCSTRTI, Bhubaneswar to conduct a study on the status of implementation of the Forest Rights Act & Rules. The study could be completed by March 2015.

(Action: SCSTRTI, Bhubaneswar)

12. The committee recommended that a dynamic database on implementation of FRA is to be published in each District website, wherein details of all claims received, approved, distributed, rejected , causes of rejection etc. are reflected (village, GP and Block wise) to facilitate easy access by the general public & other stake holders. This exercise is to be completed in coordination with NIC by all district Collectors by November 2015.

(Action: All Collectors)

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair. These minutes have the approval of Chief Secretary.


Secretary, ST & SC Dev Deptt.

Annexure-I

Members present in the 8th State Level Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 21.07.2015 at 12.30 P.M. under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Odisha.

Sl. No.	Name with Designation	Designation in the SLMC
1	Sri Gokul Chandra Pati, IAS. Chief Secretary, Odisha	Chairperson
2	Sri Balabhadra Majhi, Hon'ble MLA. Lanjigarh.	Member
3	Dr. Mona Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management Deptt.	Member
4	Sri Surendra Kumar, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, ST & SC Development Department.	Member
5	Sri J. D. Sharma. I.F.S. P.C.C.F., Odisha	Member
6	Prof (Dr.) A. B. Ota, IAS, Director, SCSTRTI	Special Invitee
7	Sri R. Raghu Prasad, IFS. Director (ST)-cum-Addl. Secy.	Member
8	Sri D. Biswal. Special Secretary, Forest & Environment Department.	Representative of D.C.-cum-Secretary Forest
9	Ms. P. Mekro, CCF (N), O/O PCCF, Odisha	
10	Sri D. K. Das Director, Panchayati Raj Department.	Representative of the Secretary, P.R.