

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 April, 2009]

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1. Regarding Court cases filed against the Act:

- (i) Writ Petition (Civil) No. 50 of 2008, Writ Petition Civil No.109 of 2008, Transfer Petitions Civil No.414-417/ 2008 and Transfer Petitions Civil No.179-180/ 2009, were listed for hearing in the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 27.04.2009. However, at the last moment, these cases were deleted from the list for hearing on that date. These cases have now been listed for hearing on 4th May, 2009. A conference was held by the officials of the Ministry with Shri Fali S. Nariman, Sr. Advocate, to give a briefing on these cases to him. Ld. Addl. Solicitor General, Shri Mohan Parasaran and other Govt. Advocates were also present during the said conference with Shri Nariman.

- (ii) SLP in respect of interim orders passed in W.P. No.4533/2008 filed in High Court of Judicature at Chennai and interim orders passed in WP No.4933 of 2008 filed in Orissa High Court have been sent to Central Agency Section of Ministry of Law & Justice on 24.4.2009 for filing in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Action to file SLP in respect of interim

orders passed in WP No.21479 of 2007 by Andhra Pradesh Court is being taken.

- (iii) As intimated in the last month's Report, 3 new Writ Petitions were filed before the Principal Bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court at Jabalpur against the Forest Rights Act, 2006. Filing of Counter Affidavits on behalf of the Union of India in all the three new court cases is under process in the Ministry.

2. Readiness of the States in the implementation of the Act :

An updated status of State-wise implementation of the Act is given in **Annexure-I**. Some of the States like Andhra Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Gujarat, Orissa, Tripura and West Bengal have already reached their almost full potential as far as collection of claims is considered. Therefore, the concentration in those States is on the process of actual issue of **Pattas**. As per the information collected from the States till 30th April, 2009, more than 21 lakhs claims have been filed and about 1.57 lakhs titles have been distributed. More than 2.27 lakhs titles are ready for distribution. Pending population of the web-site (www.forestrights.gov.in), a statement on claims received and distribution of title deeds in various states, as in **Annexure-II**, is being maintained. Both Annexures I and II are also being put up on the Ministry's web-site.

3. Legal clarifications sought by the States, if any :

- NIL -

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

As stated in the last month's Report, the guidelines for diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government under section 3(2) of the Forest Rights Act, shall be issued after the modal code of conduct ceases to be in operation. No other matter is pending at the level of Government of India relating to the implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 06.

5. Monitoring of the implementation of the Act by personal visits to States/UTs by the Ministry :

Secretary, Tribal Affairs, visited Kolkata on 8th April, 2009 to review, inter-alia, the status of the implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 06 in the State of West Bengal.

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*** Annexure-I****Statement showing State-wise status of implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006**

(As on 30.04.2009)

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Andhra Pradesh	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	3,28,179
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	2,13,294
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	1,38,597
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	1,28,948
	11) Number of titles distributed	330 issued before the Court's order and 1,28,618 are ready.
	12) No. of claims rejected	16,691
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31.1.2009 (subject to Court's approval)
	14) Problems	i) Restrictive court orders ii) Lack of updated land records
Arunachal Pradesh	Department of Social Welfare has been selected as the Nodal Department for implementation of the Act in the State. However, Nodal Officer has not been appointed by the State Govt., till now.	
Assam	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC	Yes Yes

	©SLMC	Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Is being done
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Are being constituted.
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	
	11) Number of titles distributed	
	12) No. of claims rejected	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	February, 2009.
	14) Problems	
Bihar	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC ©SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	-
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Is being created in a limited way through advertisements in local newspapers
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Out of 390 Gram Sabhas, training has been completed in about 50 Gram Sabhas
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Is in progress.
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	495
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	495
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	495

	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	
	11) Number of titles distributed	
	12) No. of claims rejected	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	
	14) Problems	All the Government functionaries were busy in flood relief works.
Chhattisgarh	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Going on in a large scale
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	4.00 lakhs (approx.)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	1,31,750
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	1,16,995
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	1,09,711
	11) Number of titles distributed	1,02,800 titles have been distributed
	12) No. of claims rejected	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	June, 2009
	14) Problems	Out of 85 blocks, at least 40 blocks are affected by naxalism.
Goa	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yet to be constituted.
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Is in progress.
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Done.

	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Programme is chalked by GIRDA
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yet to be constituted.
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	
	11) Number of titles distributed	
	12) No. of claims rejected	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	
	14) Problems	
Gujarat	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	1,63,675 (1,56,209 individual and 6,866 community).
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	20,145 (19,568 individual and 577 community).
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	3,181
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	2023
	11) Number of titles distributed	1997 and 26 ready
	12) No. of claims rejected	
13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31.03.2009	

	14) Problems	It was planned to distribute title of land to individuals/communities from 1.12.08 which has been delayed as title of land requires detail survey of land under occupation of claimant, which is under process.
Haryana	The State Govt. has informed that there are no Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers living in the forests of Haryana	
Himachal Pradesh	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	No need
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes, in 142 Gram Sabhas out of 151 Gram Sabha (94%)
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	
	11) Number of titles distributed	
	12) No. of claims rejected	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	27.1.2009 onwards
	14) Problems	
Jharkhand	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes

	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	2071 FRCs have been constituted.
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	878
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	
	11) Number of titles distributed	
	12) No. of claims rejected	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	
	14) Problems	
Karnataka	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Has been started
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	1605 FRCs have been constituted
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	1412
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	471
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	
	11) Number of titles distributed	
	12) No. of claims rejected	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	March, 2009.
	14) Problems	

Kerala	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Elections to FRCs are in progress. 281 out of 404 FRCs have been constituted.
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	
	11) Number of titles distributed	
	12) No. of claims rejected	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	March, 2009
	14) Problems	
Madhya Pradesh	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	3,38,661
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	2,15,745
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	94,661

	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	71,554
	11) Number of titles distributed	15,245
	12) No. of claims rejected	42,935
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	June, 2009
	14) Problems	
Maharashtra	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	2,38,030
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	18,013
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	1,836
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	1,045
	11) Number of titles distributed	-
	12) No. of claims rejected	-
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	2009
	14) Problems	
Manipur	Reasons why no action has been initiated for implementation of the Act are not available nor were they forthcoming in the Review Meeting held on 11.11.2008.	
Meghalaya	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	No No No
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Translation of the Act in local languages is held up on account of

		non-availability of the Act's legal lexicon in local languages
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Is being done
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	
	11) Number of titles distributed	
	12) No. of claims rejected	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	
	14) Problems	
Mizoram	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	No
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	No
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	No
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	
	11) Number of titles distributed	
	12) No. of claims rejected	

	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	
	14) Problems	The Act is to be approved by the State Legislative Assembly as per the Article 371 (G) of the Constitution.
Nagaland	Government of Nagaland has informed that the land holding system and the village system of the Naga people is peculiar in that the people are the land owners. There are no tribes or group of people or forest dwellers in the State of Nagaland. Hence, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 per se may not be applicable to the State of Nagaland.	
Orissa	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c) SLMC	(a) Yes (b) Yes (c) Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes, in 46506 villages out of 46515 villages
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	2,91,107 (2,89,646 individual and 1461 community)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	1,66,822 (1,51,275 individual and 15,547 community)
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	31,391 (30,558 individual and 833 community)
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	29,816 (29,772 individual and 44 community)
	11) Number of titles distributed	
	12) No. of claims rejected	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	
	14) Problems	1. Forest land in the State is unsurveyed & detailed maps/records are not available. 2. Illiterate tribal people residing in

		remote areas find it difficult to procure authorized copy of Caste/Community in support of their claims. 3. Lack of trained manpower & survey equipment thereby hampering vetting of claims. 4. Restrictive Court order.
Rajasthan	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	34,535 (including 2 community claims)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	8,962
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	4,025
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	2,023
	11) Number of titles distributed	1,778 (including 2 community claims) pattas distributed
	12) No. of claims rejected	234
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31.3.2009
	14) Problems	
Sikkim	The Government of Sikkim has issued a notification dated 28.1.2008 regarding constitution of an Expert Committee for identification of Critical Wildlife habitats in Protected Areas (PAs)	
Tamil Nadu	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC	Yes Yes

	(c)SLMC	Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Has started in a limited way
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	-
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Work of setting up FRCs has started. Gram Sabha meetings convened on 15.08.2008
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	4876
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	
	11) Number of titles distributed	
	12) No. of claims rejected	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31.1.2009 (subject to Court's approval)
	14) Problems	Restrictive Court order.
Tripura	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Workshop organized for the officials of PRI/SDLC/DLC.
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	1,60,046
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	94,552
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	40,924

	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	29,507
	11) Number of titles distributed	29,507
	12) No. of claims rejected	28,169
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	15.01.2009
	14) Problems	
Uttar Pradesh	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	No need
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	15000 copies of the Act and the Rules have been printed and distributed to different departments. For awareness generation, they are distributing these copies at different levels.
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Has started
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	
	11) Number of titles distributed	
	12) No. of claims rejected	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31.1.2009
	14) Problems	
Uttarakhand	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c) SLMC	Yes Yes Yes

	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	3758 in 7541 Gram Panchayats
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	
	11) Number of titles distributed	
	12) No. of claims rejected	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31.1.2009
	14) Problems	Formation of committees could not be done earlier due to the coming into force of model code of conduct for elections.
West Bengal	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	1,39,494 (1,31,190 individual claims and 8,304 community claims)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	77,126 (74,321 individual claims and 2805 community)

		claims)
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	77,126 (74,321 individual claims and 2805 community claims)
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	77,126 (74,321 individual claims and 2805 community claims)
	11) Number of titles distributed	5,249 and 2839 ready
	12) No. of claims rejected	10,971 (10,45 individual and 26 community)
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31.03.09 (barring the districts in which there are law & order problems.)
	14) Problems	Some delay occurred initially owing to the Panchayat elections in the State.
A & N Islands	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Being constituted.
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Translation has been completed but publication of the translated version yet not done.
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Under process
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	

	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	
	11) Number of titles distributed	
	12) No. of claims rejected	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	
	14) Problems/Remarks The Andaman & Nicobar Administration has informed that in A&N Islands there are no non-tribal forest dwellers as defined in the Act. The Act is applicable only to the Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes of these islands. The area inhabited by the Scheduled Tribes of A&N Islands has been declared as reserved area under the A&N Islands Protection of Aboriginal Tribes (Regulation), 1956. The interest of the tribals in the land situated in the reserved areas are fully protected under the provision of the regulation. The tribal reserves have been notified as reserved or protected forest reserve.	
Daman & Diu	The Administration of Daman & Diu has made a reference to this Ministry that the term "State Government" has not been defined under the Act or the Rules thereof. As Daman & Diu is a UT, they have not been able to constitute the prescribed Committees for implementing the Act. The Administration has requested that the term "State Government" may be defined that the State Government in relation to the Union Territories is the Administrator appointed under Article 239 of the Constitution of India. The Ministry has clarified the above issue to the Administration of Daman & Diu in the month of January, 2009.	No progress. MHA has been informed.
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Has been completed
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Has been started and is going on
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Has started
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	

	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	
	11) Number of titles distributed	
	12) No. of claims rejected	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	
	14) Problems	
Lakshadweep	The UT Administration has intimated, vide letter dated 6.2.2008, that there are no terrestrial forests and no forest tribes or traditional forest dwellers in Lakshadweep.	

Annexure-II

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 30.04.2009)

S. No	State	Claims Received upto 31.03.09	Claims received during the current month	Total number of claims received upto 30.04.09	Title deeds Distributed / ready upto 31.03.09	Title deeds distributed/ ready during the current month	Total number of titles deeds distributed/ ready upto 30.04.09
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3,28,179 (3,22,231 individual and 5,946 community)	-	3,28,179 (3,22,231 individual and 5,946 community)	330 distributed before the Court's order and 1,17,395 ready.	11,223 ready for distribution	330 distributed before the Court's order and 1,28,618 ready.
2.	Arunachal Pradesh						
3.	Assam						
4.	Bihar	495	-	495			
5.	Chhattisgarh	4,00,000 (approx.)	-	4,00,000 (approx.)	1,02,800 distributed and 6,911 ready	-	1,02,800 distributed and 6,911 ready
6.	Goa						
7.	Gujarat	1,48,216 (1,41,560 individual and 6,656 community).	14,869 (14,659 individual and 210 community)	1,63,675 (1,56,209 individual and 6,866 community).	2,023 ready	1997 distributed	1997 distributed and 26 ready
8.	Himachal Pradesh						
9.	Jharkhand	878		878			
10.	Karnataka	1,412		1,412			
11.	Kerala						
12.	Madhya Pradesh	3,29,184	9,477	3,38,661	13,060 distributed and 32,417 ready	2,185 distributed and 23,892 ready	15,245 distributed and 56,309 ready
13.	Maharashtra	2,10,452	27,578	2,38,030	403 ready	642 ready	1,045 ready
14.	Manipur						
15.	Meghalaya						
16.	Mizoram						

S. No	State	Claims Received upto 31.03.09	Claims received during the current month	Total number of claims received upto 30.04.09	Title deeds distributed/ ready upto 31.03.09	Title deeds distributed/ ready during the current month	Total number of titles deeds distributed/ ready upto 30.04.09
17.	Orissa	2,91,107 (2,89,646 individual and 1461 community)	-	2,91,107 (2,89,646 individual and 1461)	29,816 ready (29,772 individual and 44 community)	-	29,816 ready (29,772 individual and 44 community)
18.	Rajasthan	34,535 (including 2 community claims)	-	34,535 (including 2 community claims)	1,778 distributed (including 2 community) and 247 ready	-	1,778 distributed (including 2 community) and 247 ready
19.	Sikkim						
20.	Tamil Nadu	4,876	-	4,876	-	-	-
21.	Tripura	1,60,046	-	1,60,046	29,507 distributed	-	29,507 distributed
22.	Uttar Pradesh						
23.	Uttaranchal						
24.	West Bengal	1,39,494 (1,31,190 individual and 8,304 community)	-	1,39,494 (1,31,190 individual and 8,304 community)	5,249 distributed and 2839 ready	-	5,249 distributed and 2839 ready
25.	A & N Islands						
26.	Daman & Diu						
27.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli						
	Total	20,48,874	51,924	21,00,798	1,52,724 distributed and 1,92,051 ready	4,182 distributed and 35,757 ready	1,56,906 distributed and 2,27,808 ready
