

Status Report on Implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006

For the Period ending 31st January 2009

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1. Details of Court cases filed against the Act:

- A. Transfer Petition (Civil) Nos. 414-417 of 2008 was listed in the Court of Registrar, Supreme Court of India for 19.01.2009. However, at the last moment, it was deleted from the list. Notices to the Respondents in the Transfer Petition, as issued by the Court of Registrar, Supreme Court of India, were handed over by the office of the Govt. Advocate, Central Agency Section of the Ministry of Law & Justice to this Ministry's officials on 29.01.09 for getting them served to the Respondents by Dasti Service. The same were sent to the Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of the respective State Governments' Departments on 30.01.2009 for serving on the respondents.
- B. In Writ Petition (C) No. 50 of 2008 filed by Bombay Natural History Society & Others Vs. Union of India and others in the Supreme Court of India (Civil Original Jurisdiction), New Delhi, apart from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Environment & Forest, Ministry of Rural Development and all the States and UTs have been made respondents. Only Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Rural Development have filed their Counter Affidavits in the matter. This Ministry has written a second reminder to Ministry of Environment & Forest requesting them to file their Counter Affidavit immediately. A letter has also been written to all the States and UTs urging them to file Counter Affidavit in the matter immediately. Unless these responses are received, the case may not come up.

C. Following additional information has been provided to Shri Fali S. Nariman:

- i. The origin of the Act, and a statement giving the chronological events of the enactment of the Act, enclosing the copies of the relevant document.
 - ii. Two model cases prepared from the beginning to the end, as obtained from the State of Madhya Pradesh
 - a) of giving a title
 - b) of refusing a title
 - iii. A comparison of the status of implementation of the Act between the States where interim stay orders have been given and in the States where no such interim stay orders are given.
 - iv. Reports of UN bodies/ international community hailing the enactment of the Forest Rights Act.
- D. One consultant and an Under Secretary of this Ministry is constantly in touch with the Court of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of India and the office of the Additional Solicitor General of India to watch the position of the two cases and the Transfer Petition.

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. As per the information collected from the States till 31st January, 2009, more than 17.65 lakhs claims have been filed and nearly one lakh titles have been distributed. A similar number is ready for distribution. Some of the States like Andhra Pradesh, Chattisgarh, West Bengal and Orissa 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. 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 :

The guidelines for diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government under section 3(2) of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, are yet to be notified. This Ministry had discussed the issue of authorizing the Ministry of Environment & Forests to act as nodal agency for implementing the provisions of Section 3(2) of the Act in terms of Section 11 of the Act with the Ministry of Law & Justice in a meeting held on 13.1.2009, wherein it was reiterated by Ministry of Law & Justice that the said guidelines should be notified by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs; in consultation with the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Ministry of Rural Development. Ministry is taking further necessary action.

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

No other matter, except as mentioned in para 1 (B) and para 3 above, is pending at the level of Government of India.

5. Projected date for distribution of title deeds in each State :

This Ministry had circulated a tentative road map to all the States/UTs for implementing the Act by January, 2009. However, some States/UTs have projected extension of time period, due to court orders/ specific problems prevailing in their States/UTs.

6. Ministry of Tribal Affairs:

A. Ministry has written letters to concerned States to implead the Tribal Welfare departments in all PILs and to effectively defend the Act.

B. Director (SG) of this Ministry attended a meeting of Inter State Council (Centre State Relations) at Vigyan Bhawan Annexe and made a presentation on the Implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 06.

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

Secretary (TA) visited the State of Andhra Pradesh during the later part of the month of January, 09 and reviewed the progress of the implementation of the Forest Right Act, 2006. He impressed upon the officers to get themselves impleaded and then seek permission to distribute the ripe pattas.

D. The Forest Right Act is being looked after by the following officers in the Ministry, in the absence of a cell that was originally conceived:

- (i) Dr. Bachittar Singh (Jt. Secy.) - (in addition to other divisions)
- (ii) Shri A. K. Srivastava (Director) - (-do-)
- (iii) Shri P. K. Varma (Consultant) - (the file work and queries)
- (iv) Shri A. Banerjee (Consultant) - (Court Cases)
- (v) Shri Sunil Garg (Under Secy.) - (Court cases and file work)

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 30.01.2009)**

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	Yes
	b) DLC	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	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	3,26,282 (3,20,366 individual and 5916 community claims)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	1,96,832
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	1,19,240
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	1,12,925
	11) Number of titles distributed	330 issued before the Court's order and 83,468 are ready.
12) No. of claims rejected	8693	
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	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
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	Yes
	b) DLC	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	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		

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Bihar	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	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	
	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.	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Chhatishgarh	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	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	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	105000 (Approx.)
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	99392
	11) Number of titles distributed	85549 titles have been distributed
12) No. of claims rejected	9949	
13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	June, 2009	
14) Problems	Out of 85 blocks, at least 40 blocks are affected by naxalism.	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Goa	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	Yet to be Constituted
	a) SDLC	
	b) DLC	
	c) SLMC	
	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	Program is chalked by GIRDA
	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		

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Gujurat	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	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	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	1,30,101 (1,24,887 individual) and (5294 community).
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	1720
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	457
	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	1.12.2008	
14) Problems	It was planned to distribute title of land to individuals/ communities from 1.12.2008 which has been delayed as title of land requires detail survey of land under occupation of claimant, which is under progress.	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
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	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	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		

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Jharkhand	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	d) SDLC	Yes
	e) DLC	Yes
	f) 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	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	
	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		

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Karnataka	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	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	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	
	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		

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Kerala	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	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	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	30.3.2009	
14) Problems		

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Madhya Pradesh	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	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	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	2,97,000
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	1,02,789
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	28,602
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	15,251
	11) Number of titles distributed	8059 distributed and 7192 ready for distribution
12) No. of claims rejected	4275	
13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	January, 2009	
14) Problems		

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Maharashtra	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	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	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	1,07,863
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	3,139
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	39
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	37
	11) Number of titles distributed	
12) No. of claims rejected	2	
13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31.3.2009	
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.	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Meghalay	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	Yes
	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		

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Mezoram	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	No
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	No
	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.	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Orissa	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	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	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 45684 villages out of 46515 villages
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	2,54,027 (2,37,899 individual and 16,128 community)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	2,54,027
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	2,22,919
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	9,346
	11) Number of titles distributed	
12) No. of claims rejected		
13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds		
14) Problems	<p>1. Forest land in the State is un-surveyed & detailed maps/records are not available.</p> <p>2. Illeterate tribal people residing in remote areas find it difficult to procure authorized copy of Caste/Community in support of their claims.</p> <p>3. Lack of trained manpower & survey equipment thereby hampering vetting of claims.</p> <p>4. Restrictive Court order.</p>	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Rajasthan	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	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	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	34,417 (including 2 community claims)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	8947
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	2704
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	2043
	11) Number of titles distributed	321 pattas distributed and 1722 claims ready but are withheld owing to the coming into force of model code of conduct for elections.
12) No. of claims rejected	230	
13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31.3.2009 (Due to State Assembly election)	
14) Problems	Issue of <i>pattas</i> is withheld owing to the coming into force of model code of conduct for elections.	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Sikim	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)	
Tamilnadu	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	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.	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Tripura	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	
	b) DLC	
	c) SLMC	
	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	74370
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	4899
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	761
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	
	11) Number of titles distributed	
12) No. of claims rejected	85	
13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	15.01.2009	
14) Problems		

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Uttar Pradesh	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	Yes
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	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		

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Uttarakhand	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	Yes
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	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.	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
West Bengal	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	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	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 (As per the State Govt.s' estimates, West Bengal has already reached its full potential as far as collection of claims is considered)	1,36,027 (1,27,835 individual claims and 8192 community claims)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	40,485 (37,761 individual and 2718 community claims) finalized and 2102 cases sent to SDLC
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	2102
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	21
	11) Number of titles distributed	21
12) No. of claims rejected	2570	
13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31.03.08 (barring the districts in which there are law & order problem)	
14) Problems	Some delay occurred initially owing to the Panchayat elections in the State.	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
A & N Islands	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	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		
	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	<p>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.</p> <p>The Ministry has referred the issue to the Ministry of Law & Justice for their advice.</p>	
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	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	<p>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.</p>	

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 31.01.2009)

S. No	State	Claims Received upto 31.12.2008	Claims Received during the current month	Total number of claims received upto 31.01.09	Title deeds Distributed/ ready upto 31.12.2008	Title deeds Distributed/ ready during the current month	Total number of Title Deeds distributed / ready upto 31.01.09
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3,12,564	13,718	3,26,282 (3,20,366 individual and 5916 community claims)	330 distributed before receipt of court order and 83468 ready		330 distributed before receipt of court order and 83468 ready
2.	Arunachal Pradesh						
3.	Assam						
4.	Bihar	495		495			

S. No	State	Claims Received upto 31.12.2008	Claims Received during the current month	Total number of claims received upto 31.01.09	Title deeds Distributed/ ready upto 31.12.2008	Title deeds Distributed/ ready during the current month	Total number of Title Deeds distributed / ready upto 31.01.09
5.	Chhattisgarh	4,00,000 (approx.)		4,00,000 (approx.)	85,549 distributed		85,549 distributed
6.	Goa						
7.	Gujarat	1,13,785 (1,09,390 individual) and 4395 community)	16,316	1,30,101 (1,24,887 individual and 5214 community)			
8.	Himachal Pradesh						
9.	Jharkhand						
10.	Karnataka						
11.	Kerala						
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2,97,000		2,97,000	8059 distributed and 7192 ready		8059 distributed and 7192 ready
13.	Maharashtra	1,07,863		1,07,863			

S. No	State	Claims Received upto 31.12.2008	Claims Received during the current month	Total number of claims received upto 31.01.09	Title deeds Distributed/ ready upto 31.12.2008	Title deeds Distributed/ ready during the current month	Total number of Title Deeds distributed / ready upto 31.01.09
14.	Manipur						
15.	Meghalaya						
16.	Mizoram						
17.	Orissa	2,26,080	27,947	2,54,027 (2,37,899 individual and 16,128 community)	5392 ready	3952 ready	9,346 ready
18.	Rajasthan	34,417		34,417	321 distributed and 1722 ready		321 distributed and 1722 ready
19.	Sikkim						
20.	Tamil Nadu	1080	3796	4876			
21.	Tripura	74370		74370			
22.	Uttar Pradesh						
23.	Uttaranchal						

S. No	State	Claims Received upto 31.12.2008	Claims Received during the current month	Total number of claims received upto 31.01.09	Title deeds Distributed/ ready upto 31.12.2008	Title deeds Distributed/ ready during the current month	Total number of Title Deeds distributed / ready upto 31.01.09
24.	West Bengal	1,36,027 (1,27,835 individual and 8192 community)		1,36,027 (1,27,835 individual and 8192 community)	5 only	16	21
25.	A & N Islands						
26.	Daman & Diu						
27.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli						
	Total	17,03,681	61,777	17,65,458	94,264 distributed and 97,776 ready	16	94,280 distributed and 1,01,728 ready

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