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## Land pattas distributed to tribals

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Koraput: Any tribal who has been staying on forest land for the past 25 years is entitled to get possession of the land. Going by this diktat, land pattas were allotted to tribals at Putipand village in Koraput district on Thursday. This was possible after the High Court lifted its stay on Wednesday.

Benugopal Sharma, Commissioner of SC and ST development department handed over the first land patta at Putipand village in presence of Koraput collector, sub collector, tehsildar and other officials.

"All the collectors have been directed to issue half title certificates to those persons whom the district level committee has approved on the basis on collective and individual rights," Sharma said.

Pattas would be provided to 20000 people by this month. And 8,000 land documents have already been prepared. Moreover, the government targets to provide land rights to nearly one lakh landless people across the state.

"I had enrolled myself under the scheme and now after getting authority over my land, it will help me to continue to move ahead in life," Laxman Gadaba, a local resident said.

Meanwhile, the development is expected to ease off the ongoing rift between the tribals and non tribals at Narayanpatna and other areas of the state over land rights. Earlier, activists of Chasi Mulia Adivasi Sangha (CMAS) had acquired possession of 400 acres of land in Narayanpatna. The displaced people seeking intervention of the state government had also met Governor and other administrative officials at Bhubaneswar in this regard.

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