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### Land distribution for tribals to start in November

Thiruvananthapuram, Sept 23 (PTI) The first phase of distribution of land for tribals in Kerala would begin in November, state Revenue Minister K P Rajendran said today.

It was targeted to make available at least one acre land for a tribal family as per Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (recognition of forest rights) Act, he told reporters here after a review meeting of officials of Forests, SC/ST and Revenue departments.

The second and third phases of land distribution would be held in December and January, he said.

Experts who had undergone training using modern equipment were deputed to conduct the survey in the forests to identify land to be distributed to tribals, the minister said.

Forests Minister Binoy Viswam, SC/ST Welfare Minister A K Balan and Chief Secretary Neela Gangadharan also took part in the review meeting.

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