



Ministry of Environment and Forests

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NOTIFICATION New Delhi, the 11th of February, 2010

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOREST RIGHTS ACT 2006

The Minister of Environment and Forests, Mr. Jairam Ramesh had chaired a meeting of key officials within the Ministry on the 30th of January 2010 to discuss the implementation of the Forest Rights Act 2006. A second meeting was held on the 10th of February 2010 with high level representatives from within the Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Secretary of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs wherein the implications of the Forest Rights Act on sustainable forest management was discussed.

In furtherance of those meetings, it was decided that the Ministry of Environment and Forests, jointly with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, would constitute a high level committee of experts to look at the issues of implementation, sustainable forest management and the protection/settlement of the rights of forest dwellers in detail.

Therefore, in order to study and assess the impacts of THE SCHEDULED TRIBES AND OTHER TRADITIONAL FOREST DWELLERS (RECOGNITION OF FOREST RIGHTS) ACT, 2006, with regards to the Sustainable Management of Forest Resources, the Ministry of Environment and Forests in consultation with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, notify hereby, the Constitution and the Terms of Reference of a Committee as follows :-

“The Committee to study and assess the impacts of THE SCHEDULED TRIBES AND OTHER TRADITIONAL FOREST DWELLERS (RECOGNITION OF FOREST RIGHTS) ACT, 2006, with regards to the Sustainable Management of Forest Resources”.

COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE

No.	Individual and Affiliation	Designation
1.	Dr. Devendra Pandey, Former DG, Forest Survey of India	Chairman
2.	DG, ICFRE, Dehradun	Member
3.	Dr. H.S.Pabla, PCCF(WL), M.P., Bhopal	Member
4.	IGF(EAP), MoEF	Member
5.	Dr. A.K.Jha, Commissioner, Tribal Research & Training Institute, Pune	Member
6.	Shri A.K.Srivastava, Director, Ministry of Tribal	Member



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| 7. | Shri Ashish Kothari, Director, Kalpavrikash | Member |
| 8. | Ms. Harini Nagendra, Ashoka Trust for Research In Ecology and the Environment, Bangalore | Member |
| 9. | DIG (FP), MoEF | Member |
| 10. | Shri R.K.Dogra, ADG(E), ICFRE, Dehradun | Member
Secretary |

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COMMITTEE

1. The Committee shall study in detail the implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 and its impact on Forest Management.
2. The Committee shall recommend necessary policy changes in the future management of the forestry sector in India which may be necessary as a consequence of implementation of Forest Rights Act.
3. The Committee shall identify the role of stake holders and beneficiaries in the conservation, restoration and regeneration of forests. It shall also prescribe measures and guidelines to involve these stake holders in forest restoration and regeneration.
4. The Committee shall identify opportunities for and recommend measures to ensure convergence of various beneficiary oriented programmes for the forest rights holders taken up by various line departments in the states.
5. The Committee shall define a new role for the Forest Department vis-à-vis the Gram Panchayat for forest conservation and regeneration.
6. Any other matter which the Committee feels is ancillary or incidental to the purposes of its establishment.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt any specialists that it may feel necessary and in furtherance of the purposes of its establishment.

The Committee shall submit its report within three months from the date of its constitution.

This is issued with the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

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(F.No.12-1/2006 –FP)
Dr. PB Gangopadhyay,
Additional Director General of Forests