

**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 November, 2009]

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

- (i) An updated status of State-wise implementation of the Act is given in **Annexure-I**. As per the information collected till 30th November, 2009, **more than 25 lakh claims have been filed and more than 5.73 lakh titles have been distributed. More than 43 thousand titles were ready for distribution.**

State-wise synopsis of claims approved by DLCs and titles distributed, as on 30.11.09, with respect to the status on May 09, the month of announcement of special drive, is as below:

State	No. of claims approved by DLC		No. of titles distributed		Increase (% increase)	
	May 09	November 09	May 09	November 09	Claims ready for distribution	Titles Distributed
Andhra Pradesh	128,948	1,80,074	330	1,73,052	51,126 (39.46%)	1,72,722 (52340%)
Chhattisgarh	109,711	1,92,088*	102,800	1,92,088	82,377* (75.00%)	89,288 (46.48%)
Gujarat	2,023	7,584	-	7,584	5,561 (274.88%)	7,584 (Very High)
Jharkhand	Not available	Not available	-	72 distributed including 2 community rights	N.A. (N.A)	72 (Very High)
Kerala	-	118	-	23	118 (Very High)	23 (Very High)
Madhya Pradesh	43,292	3,15,223	24,571	47,460	2,71,931 (628.13%)	22,889 (93.15%)
Maharashtra	1,365	4,568	-	2,453	3,203 (70.11%)	2,453 (Very High)
Orissa	29,816	58,163	-	50,190	28,347 (95.07%)	50,190

Rajasthan	2,023	10,912	1,778	6,454	8,889 (439.39%)	4,676 (263%)
Tripura	29,507	87,212	29,507	82,741	57,705 (195.56%)	53,234 (180.41%)
West Bengal	7,545	17,070	5,249	11,110	9,525 (126.24%)	5,861 (111.66%)
Total	3,54,230	8,73,012* (246.45%)	1,64,235	5,73,227 (349.00%)	5,18,782* (146.45%)	4,08,992 (249.00%)

*Government of Chhattisgarh has not given the figure of number of claims approved by DLC; hence number of titles distributed has been taken as the number of claims approved by DLC.

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.

- (ii) A list of States/UTs that are not uploading the website is at **Annexure-III**. A list of States/UTs that have not distributed any title so far, is also given in Annexure-III. Annexures I, II & III are being put up on the Ministry's web-site.

2. Clarifications sought by the States, if any :

No State has asked for any fresh clarification.

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

- NIL -

4. Monitoring of the implementation of the Act:

As informed earlier, the Ministry convened a two-day Conference of Chief Ministers, State Ministers (Tribal Development / Social Welfare Departments) and State Ministers (Forest Departments) on 4th and 5th November, 2009, which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 4th November, 2009, to take stock of the status of implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, the preparedness of States to adhere to the December 2009 deadline and a few major tribal development / welfare programmes in the States.

In his speech at the inaugural session of the Conference, the Hon'ble Prime Minister observed that while some States had achieved remarkable progress in the distribution of titles, others were lagging behind. In a few States, even the process of receiving claims was yet to commence. He urged all the Chief Ministers and their colleagues to spare no effort to ensure effective implementation of the Act and expeditious disposal of titles well within the given time frame. He emphasized the need for implementing the Provisions of Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, in letter and spirit, dovetailing development and welfare programmes in tribal areas, giving priority attention to education, health, improvement of agricultural productivity, skill development training in tribal areas, besides improvement of the laws and mechanism for providing compensation to displaced tribals and creation of sustainable livelihoods, etc. He also emphasized the importance of posting of committed officers in tribal areas for strengthening the administrative machinery in those areas and suggested review and withdrawal of cases registered against the tribals related to forest laws as had been done by the Government of Jharkhand recently and by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in the past.

The Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs, vide his letter dated 19.11.2009, has brought the observations of the Hon'ble Prime Minister to the notice of the State Chief Ministers for necessary follow up.

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 30.11.2009)

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	3,720
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	3,25,105 {3,18,037 individual and 7,068 community} *
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	2,10,334
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	1,88,268
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	1,80,074
	11) Number of titles distributed	1,73,052
	12) No. of claims rejected	1,31,480 (85,799 at Gram Sabha level and 45,681 at DLC/ SDLC level)
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-12-2009
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> 1. Land records 2. The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has informed that the implementing officers of three districts i.e. Vizianagaram, East Godavari and Khamman have furnished the revised progress reports. Hence the total number of claims filed and number of titles distributed have been reduced compared to the last month.	

Arunachal Pradesh	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	No. However, Department of Social Welfare has been selected as the Nodal Department for implementation of the Act in the State.
	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	-
	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) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> State Govt. has informed that though they have constituted the SDLC, DLC and SLMC under the Act but unlike the other States where the STs and other traditional forest dwellers are in minority, Arunachal Pradesh is wholly domiciled by various ethnic tribal groups whose land and forests are specifically identified with natural boundaries of hillocks, ranges, rivers and tributaries. Barring few pockets of land under wildlife sanctuaries, reserved forests, most of the land in entire State is community land. Territorial boundaries of land and forest belonging to different community or tribes are also identified same line leaving no scope for any dispute over the possession of land, forest and water bodies among the tribes. Therefore, Forest Rights Act does not have much relevance in Arunachal Pradesh.	-
Assam	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	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	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	66,546 (63,448 individual and 3098 community)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	57,652 (55,165 individual and 2487 community)
	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	31-12-2009
	14) Problems/Remarks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disputes in settling claims get converted into law and order problem which adversely effects the pace of implementation. 2. Claims from false claimants under the category of other traditional forest dwellers are being received. 	-
Bihar	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	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	788
	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:	Nil
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	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	4,57,857
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	Not available
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	Not available
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	Not available
	11) Number of titles distributed	1,92,088
	12) No. of claims rejected	2,01,903
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31.12.2009
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> Out of 85 blocks, at least 40 blocks are affected by naxalism and this had slowed down the pace of implementation of Forest Rights Act.	-
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.	Work 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	Training to PRI Institutions has been imparted.
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	So far 90 FRCs have been constituted.
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	Nil
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	Nil
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	Nil
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	Nil
	11) Number of titles distributed	Nil
	12) No. of claims rejected	Nil
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> Claims in CRZ areas are to be processed. There are objections from OBC population. Progress, therefore, is lagging behind.	-
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	1,85,222 (1,77,055 individual and 8,167 community)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	64,282 (63,328 individual and 954 community).
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	18,566
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	7,584

	11) Number of titles distributed	7,584
	12) No. of claims rejected	1,688
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-12-2009
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> 1. There is some delay in conducting the survey and field verification of claims at site on account of State's officials capability to handle PDA equipments purchased from Forest and Environment Department of Madhya Pradesh; 2. Efforts are being made by State Government to implement the Act in non-Scheduled Areas. 3. There are problems of manpower and funds also.	
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	31-12-2009

	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> 1. Pace of implementation of Forest Rights Act in this State has been considerably affected by migration of tribal population from snow-bound areas during winter season last year; 2. Promulgation of Model Code of Conduct from March to May this year for the recent Elections; 3. Sowing season in May and June; and 4. a Writ Petition filed in H.P. High Court.	
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	4,539
	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	72 (including 2 community rights)
	12) No. of claims rejected	-
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	-
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> Forest areas are affected by left wing extremism.	-
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	2,482 FRCs have been constituted
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	45,801

	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	1216
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	-
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	-
	11) Number of titles distributed	NIL
	12) No. of claims rejected	-
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-12-2009
	14) Problems/Remarks:	Nil
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	511 FRCs have been constituted.
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	36,448 (35,310 individual and 1138 community)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	22,327(22,186 individual and 141 community)
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	175
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	118
	11) Number of titles distributed	23
	12) No. of claims rejected	11
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-12-2009
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:/Remarks:</u> Distribution of titles is delayed due to engagement with general/ bye elections of Parliament. Due to high density in forest, only manual survey is feasible. This takes much time.	-
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	3,71,993
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	3,67,064
	9) No. of claims decided by SDLC	3,33,644
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	3,15,223
	11) Number of titles distributed	47,460 distributed and 39,799 ready
	12) No. of claims rejected	2,27,964
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-12-2009
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> Fund would be needed for settling the rights of people living inside National park.	-
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	2,79,540
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	51,457
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	6,134
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	4,568
	11) Number of titles distributed	2,453

	12) No. of claims rejected	239
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	March 2010. M/o Tribal Affairs has EMPHASISED FOR DEC. 2009.
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> Large number of false claimants have filed claims.	-
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 and also during the on 4 th and 5 th November 2009. <u>Problems/ Remarks:</u> In tribal communities and tribal chiefs are already holding ownership of forest land as their ancestral land in non-Reserved Forest Area. Therefore, implementation of the Forest Rights Act is perceived minimal in Manipur.	NO RESPONSE
Meghalaya	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Monitoring Committees at District and Sub-Divisional levels have been set up.The SLMC has been constituted.
	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 information available
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	No information available
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	No information available
	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	No projected date fixed so far by the State Government. M/o Tribal Affairs has EMPHASISED FOR DEC. 2009.

	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> 96% of forest land is owned by clan / community / individuals. Implementation of the Act has, therefore, limited scope.	
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	No projected date fixed so far by the State Government.M/o Tribal Affairs has EMPHASISED FOR DEC. 2009.
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> The Act is to be approved by the State Legislative Assembly as per the Article 371 (G) of the Constitution. In the sitting on 29.10.2009 of its Fourth Session, the Sixth Legislative Assembly of Mizoram has resolved that the Forest Rights Act shall be adopted in the entire State of Mizoram with effect from 31.12.2009.	
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 landowners. 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. However, a committee has been constituted to examine the applicability of the Act in Nagaland as per provision of Art. 371(A) of Constitution of India	
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 46,506 villages out of 46,515 villages
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	3,06,034 (3,04,336 individual and 1,698 community)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	1,96,346 (1,95,524 individual and 822 community)
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	66,163 (65,984 individual and 179 community)
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	58,163 (58,098 individual and 65 community)
	11) Number of titles distributed	50,190
	12) No. of claims rejected	-
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	NOT GIVEN DECEMBER 2009 EMPHASISED
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> 1. Forest land in the State is unsurveyed & detailed maps/records are not available; 2. 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	59,557 (59,239 individual and 318 community)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	30,949
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	21,008
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	10,912
	11) Number of titles distributed	6,454
	12) No. of claims rejected	21,875
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31.12.2009
	14) Problems/Remarks:	Nil
Sikkim	<p>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) and have also constituted the various Committees under the Act namely SDLC, DLC and SLMC, but has not sent any report regarding the progress of implementation of the Act in the State so far.</p> <p><u>Problems/ Remarks:</u> In Sikkim, there are no Forest Dwelling STs and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers in the true sense of the terms. Most of the STs of Sikkim hold revenue land in their own name and they are not solely dependent on the forests for their livelihood.</p>	
Tamil Nadu	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	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	8,502
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	Number not available

	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	Number available	not
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	765	
	11) Number of titles distributed	Nil	
	12) No. of claims rejected	Number available	not
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-12-2009	
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> Title deeds would be distributed after the vacation of restrictive order of Madras High Court.		
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	1,62,186	
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	1,14,363	
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	92,206	
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	87,212	
	11) Number of titles distributed	43,836	
	12) No. of claims rejected	-	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-12-2009	
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u>	Nil	
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	Yes	

	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Has started
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	892
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	52,736
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	3142
	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	26
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-12-2009
	14) Problems/Remarks:	Nil
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	31-12-2009

	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> Formation of committees could not be done earlier due to the coming into force of model code of conduct for elections. The pace of implementation of Forest Rights Act was therefore adversely affected.	
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, 41,783 (1,31,664 individual and 10,119 community)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	30,483
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	18,403
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	17,070
	11) Number of titles distributed	11,110 distributed 3,894 ready
	12) No. of claims rejected	20,856
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31.12.2009 (barring the districts in which there are law & order problems.)
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> 1. The State Government has informed that formation of 7 FRCs in Jalpaiguri District and all FRCs in 3 Sub-Divisions of Darjeeling District is held up due to grave political disturbances; and 2. non-functioning of Gram Panchayats in Darjeeling District. Political disturbance in West Midnapur, Bankura, Purulia and Darjeeling affected pace of implementation of Forest Rights Act in these districts considerably.	
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) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> The Andaman & Nicobar Administration has informed that there are no non-tribal forest dwellers as defined in the Act in A&N Islands. The Act, therefore, 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 had 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 had clarified the above issue to the Administration of Daman & Diu in the month of January, 2009.	No progress. MHA has been informed.
Dadra & Nagar	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes

Haveli	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	-
	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	No projected date fixed so far by the State Government.M/o Tribal Affairs has EMPHASISED FOR DEC. 2009.
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> The administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli has informed this Ministry that despite notices in advance and propaganda, it has been difficult to hold gram sabha meetings in absence of quorum of 2/3 of all members of such gram sabhas. All out efforts are being made for constitution of Forest Rights Committees in all the gram sabhas. Position in this regard will be known shortly.	
Lakshadweep	The UT Administration has intimated that there are no terrestrial forests and no forest tribes or traditional forest dwellers in Lakshadweep.	
Puducherry	The Government of Puducherry has informed that there are no recognized Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory of Puducherry and also no land in Puducherry is classified as "Forest Land" coming within the definition of Clause 2(d) of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.	

Annexure-II**(A) 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 30.11.2009)**

S. No	State	Claims Received upto 31.10.09	Claims received during the current month	Total number of claims received upto 30.11.09	Title deeds Distributed/ ready upto 31.10.09	Title deeds distributed/ ready during the current month	Total number of titles deeds distributed/ ready upto 30.11.09
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3,26,303 {3,19,703 individual and 6,600 community}	-	3,25,105 {3,18,037 individual and 7,068 community} *	1,73,091 distributed	-	1,73,052 distributed*
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.	Assam	66,546 (63,448 individual and 3098 community)	-	66,546 (63,448 individual and 3098 community)	-	-	-
4.	Bihar	788	-	788	-	-	-
5.	Chhattisgarh	4,57,857	-	4,57,857	1,92,088 distributed	-	1,92,088 distributed
6.	Goa	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Gujarat	1,84,329 (1,76,242 individual and 8,087 community)	893 (813 individual and 80 community)	1,85,222 (1,77,055 individual and 8,167 community)	5,668 distributed	1,916 distributed	7,584 distributed
8.	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.	Jharkhand	4,539	-	4,539	72 distributed including 2 community rights	-	72 distributed including 2 community rights
10.	Karnataka	45,801	-	45,801	-	-	-
11.	Kerala	35,620 (34,886 individual and 734 community).	828	36,448 (35,310 individual and 1138 community).	23 distributed	-	23 distributed
12.	Madhya Pradesh	3,71,993 (3,69,437 individual and 2,556 community)	-	3,71,993	47,460 distributed and 39,779 ready.	-	47,460 distributed and 39,779 ready.

S. No	State	Claims Received upto 31.10.09	Claims received during the current month	Total number of claims received upto 30.11.09	Title deeds Distributed/ ready upto 31.10.09	Title deeds distributed/ ready during the current month	Total number of titles deeds distributed/ ready upto 30.11.09
13.	Maharashtra	2,66,572	12,968	2,79,540	2,453 distributed		2,453 distributed
14.	Manipur	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	Meghalaya		-	-	-	-	-
16.	Mizoram		-	-	-	-	-
17.	Orissa	3,06,034 (3,04,034 individual and 1,698 community)	-	3,06,034 (3,04,034 individual and 1,698 community)	50,190 distributed	-	50,190 distributed
18.	Rajasthan	58,721 (58,708 individual and 13 community)	836 (531 individual and 305 community)	59,557 (59,239 individual and 318 community)	5,412 distributed	1,042 distributed	6,454 distributed
19.	Sikkim		-			-	
20.	Tamil Nadu	8,352		8,352		-	
21.	Tripura	1,62,819	-	1,62,819	82,741 distributed	-	82,741 distributed
22.	Uttar Pradesh	52,736	-	52,736		-	
23.	Uttaranchal		-			-	
24.	West Bengal	1, 41,783		1, 41,783 (1,31,664 individual and 10,119 community)	9,602 distributed and 3,396 ready	1,508 distributed and 498 ready	11,110 distributed and 3,894 ready
25.	A & N Islands		-			-	
26.	Daman & Diu		-			-	
27.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli		-			-	
	Total	24,90,793	15,525	25,05,120*	5,68,800 distributed and 43,195 ready.	4,466 distributed and 498 ready.	5,73,227 distributed and 43,693 ready.

*The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has informed that the implementing officers of three districts i.e. Vizanagaram, East Godavari and Khamman have furnished the revised progress reports. Hence the total number of claims filed and number of titles distributed have been reduced compared to the last month.

(B) Statement showing ranking in terms of percentage of titles distributed over number of claims received in each State under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006

(As on 30.11.2009)

S. No	State	Total number of claims received upto 30.11.09	Total number of titles deeds distributed/ ready upto 30.11.09	Percentage of titles distributed over number of claims received
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3,25,105 {3,18,037 individual and 7,068 community} *	1,73,052 distributed	53.23%
2.	Tripura	1,62,819	82,741 distributed	50.81%
3.	Chhattisgarh	4,57,857	1,92,088 distributed	41.95%
4.	Orissa	3,06,034 (3,04,034 individual and 1,698 community)	50,190 distributed	16.40%
5.	Madhya Pradesh	3,71,993	47,460 distributed and 39,779 ready.	12.75%
6.	Rajasthan	59,557 (59,239 individual and 318 community)	6,454 distributed	10.83%
7.	West Bengal	1,41,783 (1,31,664 individual and 10,119 community)	11,110 distributed and 3,894 ready	7.83%
8.	Jharkhand	4,539	72 distributed including 2 community rights	1.58%
9.	Maharashtra	2,79,540	2,453 distributed	0.87%
10.	Kerala	36,448 (35,310 individual and 1138 community).	23 distributed	0.06%
11.	Gujarat	1,85,222 (1,77,055 individual and 8,167 community)	7,584 distributed	0.04%
12.	Assam	66,546 (63,448 individual and 3098 community)	Nil	0.00%
13.	Karnataka	45,801	Nil	0.00%
14.	Uttar Pradesh	52,736	Nil	0.00%
15.	Tamil Nadu#	8,352	Nil	0.00%#
16.	Bihar	788	Nil	0.00%
17.	Arunachal Pradesh*	-	-	-
18.	Goa*	-	-	-
19.	Himachal Pradesh*	-	-	-
20.	Manipur*	-	-	-
21.	Meghalaya*	-	-	-

S. No	State	Total number of claims received upto 30.11.09	Total number of titles deeds distributed/ ready upto 30.11.09	Percentage of titles distributed over number of claims received
22	Mizoram*	-	-	-
23	Sikkim*	-	-	-
24	Uttaranchal*	-	-	-
25	A & N Islands*	-	-	-
26	Daman & Diu*	-	-	-
27	Dadra & Nagar Haveli*	-	-	-
	Total	25,05,120	5,73,227 distributed and 43,693 ready.	22.88%

* No claims received.

Titles could not be distributed due to restrictive High Court's order.

List of States/UTs that are not uploading the web-site <http://forestrights.gov.in> :
(As on 30.11.2009)

(A) List of States Not Entering Committee Data:

1. ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS
2. ARUNACHAL PRADESH
3. DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI
4. DAMAN AND DIU
5. GOA
6. GUJARAT
7. MEGHALAYA
8. MIZORAM
9. SIKKIM
10. TAMIL NADU
11. UTTARANCHAL
12. UTTAR PRADESH

(B) List of States Not Entering Claim Data:

1. ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS
2. ASSAM
3. ARUNACHAL PRADESH
4. DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI
5. DAMAN AND DIU
6. GOA
7. GUJARAT
8. HIMACHAL PRADESH
9. KERALA
10. KARNATAKA
11. MIZORAM
12. MANIPUR
13. MEGHALAYA
14. SIKKIM
15. TAMIL NADU
16. UTTARANCHAL
17. UTTAR PRADESH
18. WEST BENGAL

(C) List of States/UTs that have not distributed any titles so far:

1. ARUNACHAL PRADESH
2. ASSAM
3. BIHAR
4. GOA
5. HIMACHAL PRADESH
6. KARNATAKA
7. MANIPUR
8. MEGHALAYA
9. MIZORAM
10. SIKKIM
11. TAMIL NADU (because of restrictive High Court's order)
12. UTTAR PRADESH
13. UTTARANCHAL
14. DAMAN & DIU
15. DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI

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