

**Action Plan on  
Forest Rights Act, 2006  
in respect of State of Assam**

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# Action Plan for Training and Awareness Raising on FRA

- Details of training materials developed
  - FRA 2006 translated, printed and circulated to DLCs/ SDLCs/ FRCs at GS level in Assamese, Bengali and Boro language and training programmes organised at different level for field level officials during 2008-09 with PowerPoint presentation to brief different clause of FRA 2006 and Rules thereof.
- What additional training materials are to be developed?
  - Further trainings on revised Act and Guidelines shall be organised shortly after finalisation of modified action plan by SLMC.
- Details of the training plan for field officials.
  - Details of training plan for field officials shall be communicated to the Ministry after finalisation by SLMC shortly.

## Formation of DLC and SDLC

- How many DLCs and SDLCs have been formed?
  - **22 DLCs and 30 SDLCs already constituted.**
- How many DLCs and SDLCs are yet to be formed, if any?
  - **2 DLCs and 5 SDLCs under two Autonomous District Councils namely Karbi Anglong & Dima Hasao yet to be constituted.**
- If DLCs and SDLC are not constituted as per the rules, have these been rectified? If not by when is it planned to be rectified?
  - **Action being taken to constitute DLC and SDLC in consultation with District Councils of Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao Autonomous Council.**

## **Action plan for formation of Forest Rights Committees**

- Plan for listing of Districts/ Sub Divisions/ villages in or near forest areas (As defined in the Act) for implementation of the Act.
  - **FRC already constituted in 22 Districts and process for selection of beneficiary under FR Act 2006 started since 2009-10.**
- Has a list of all hamlets/ habitations in all gram panchayats in forest areas been made for gram sabhas under the Act?
  - **1387 gram sabhas covering all forest villages, hamlets & habitations under 17 DLCs already formed. Formation of gram sabhas in remaining forest villages, hamlets & habitations under process.**
- If no, details of the steps being taken to ensure a complete listing of such Gram Sabhas?
  - **Both DLCs and SDLCs in remaining areas instructed to form gram sabha which will be reviewed in next SLMC meeting.**
- Has FRCs been constituted by the concerned GS? If not what are the steps being taken to facilitate the constitution of FRCs? By when this exercise will be completed?
  - **1387 FRCs constituted by convening gram sabhas and the same process being followed in remaining areas too as per FR Act 2006.**

# Action plan for Community Forest Resource Rights

- How many villages have claimed CFR rights [Sec.3 (1) (i)]?
  - **1387 forest villages have claimed CFR rights under [Sec.3 (1) (i)] and total claims recommended to DLC 4800 nos, out of which 1244 nos. already cleared by DLC.**
- What are the plans to cover the remaining villages if any and by when?
  - **SLMC being convened shortly where all Chairman of DLC/SDLC be invited for finalisation of next action plan as per revised Guidelines.**
- What are the steps being adopted to ensure that all villages claim CFR rights?
  - **DLC s/SDLCs sensitized to ensure that every FRC considers claim of CFR rights as per provision of FR Act.**

# Community Forest Rights

- How many GSs are yet to claim all the relevant community rights [such as Grazing, Fishing, MFP etc. in the Sec.3(1) (b), (c), (d), (e), (h), (j), (k) and (l)]?
  - **Exact figure may be available only after receiving detail reports from DLCs and SDLCs for which reports being called.**
- What are the plan to enable these GSs to claim these rights and by when?
  - **Detail Action Plan being chalked out in consultation with SLMC shortly so as to complete whole process by end of 2013.**

# Habitat, Forest Villages, Pastoralists

- Have habitat rights been recognised for all PTGs and pre-agricultural communities? If not, plan for demarcation of habitats and filling of claims for these rights.
  - **No PGT available in Assam.**
- Plan for conversion of forest villages, unrecorded settlements and old habitations into revenue villages.
  - **Joint survey by Forest and Revenue officials already started in villages where title certificates already distributed to eligible forest dwellers by DLCs.**
- Have the rights of pastoralists and nomadic communities been recognised? If not, plan for ensuring filing of claims for these rights.
  - **Does not apply in Assam.**



# Individual Rights

- How many GSs are yet to claim individual rights [Sec.3 (1) (a), (f), (g) and (m)]?
  - **Exact figure presently not available against two Autonomous District councils namely Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao Autonomous Council as DLC/SDLC not yet formed there. Matter already taken up with District Council Authority.**
- What are the plans to enable these GSs to claim these rights and by when?
  - **Matter taken up with two District Councils Authority.**
- What are the plans to ensure that OTFDs who have been left out are able to claim rights?
  - **DLCs and SDLCs sensitized to consider claims of OTFDs as per provision of FR Act 2006.**
- What are the plans to review cases of OTFDs whose claims have been wrongly rejected due to insistence upon occupation over forest land for 75 years?
  - **Reports being called from DLCs regarding claims of OTFDs which have been rejected for review by SLMC.**

# Protected Areas

- Have the process of recognition of rights begun in protected areas? If yes, name the National Parks/Wildlife Sanctuaries. If no, which National Parks/Wildlife Sanctuaries are yet to initiate rights recognition process?
  - **No process for recognition of rights in protected areas started.**
- What are the schedules plan for these areas?
  - **Shall be finalised after discussion in SLMC meeting shortly.**

# Action Plan For Grievance Redressal

(As per MoTA Guidelines issued on 12-07-2012)

- What steps have been taken to create an accessible grievance redressal system where forest dweller's complaints about issues such as non-provision of records, violation of rights, harassment etc. can receive prompt redressal?
  - **DLCs/SDLCs instructed to open Grievance Redressal Cell for receiving complaints from Forest Dwellers and take action as per provision of FR Act 2006.**

# Action plan for review of rejections

- What steps are proposed to ensure that all claimants whose claims have been rejected are informed of the reasons for rejection?
  - **DLCs/ SDLCs sensitised to inform all claimants the reasons for rejection of their claims.**
- What steps are proposed to be taken to ensure that the claims rejected for reasons of incompleteness, non-compliance of procedures or other technical inadequacies/ incompleteness are referred back to the GS for reconsideration?
  - **DLCs/SDLCs instructed to refer back to the GSs for re-examination of those claims which were rejected due to incompleteness, non-compliance of procedures or other technical inadequacies etc.**

# Strategy for Monitoring and Evaluation

- How is monitoring and evaluation carried out (a) at the level of SDLC (b) at the level of DLC and (c) at the level of SLMC?
  - **DLCs/SDLCs carried out monitoring and evaluation process regularly as per provision of FR Act. Similarly SLMC already met twice to monitor implementation of FR Act.**
- Who are responsible for monitoring and evaluation at the level of SDLC and DLC?
  - **DLCs/SDLCs under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Sub Divisional Officer as Chairman respectively are responsible for monitoring & evaluation.**

## Strategy for Post Recognition of Rights Support

- What are the steps planned to ensure that the GSs constitute the committee to manage forest resources (Rule 4(1) (e))?
  - **Steps being taken in consultation with Forest Deptt. in next SLMC meeting to be held shortly.**
- What are the plans alongwith timeline for training programmes for these communities to prepare conservation and management plans?
  - **Steps being taken in consultation with Forest Deptt. in next SLMC meeting to be held shortly.**
- How will Forest Department plans be modified to bring them into accordance with GS committee' plans for conservation and management of the forest?
  - **Steps being taken in consultation with Forest Deptt. in next SLMC meeting to be held shortly.**
- Have State Rules/ Policies on transit permits for MFP been modified?
  - **Matter be discussed in next SLMC meeting.**
- What are the plans to link the rights holders with existing development and welfare plans and programmes? Please list the programmes.
  - **Rural Dev. Schemes under PRI being implemented in forest villages as well. Moreover, schemes for drinking water facilities, road connectivity, school building, sub centres, anganbadi centres are also being implemented in recognised forest villages, hamlets & habitation.**

- **Final Commitment from the State.**

- Ministry shall be communicated after finalisation of New Action Plan as per revised Guidelines & Rules after consultation in next SLMC meeting to be held shortly.

**NB : Implementation process of FRA Act getting hampered due to paucity of funds at the disposal of DLCs/SDLCs. Ministry of Tribal Affairs requested kindly to arrange for sanctioning necessary funds required for the purpose.**

Thank you.