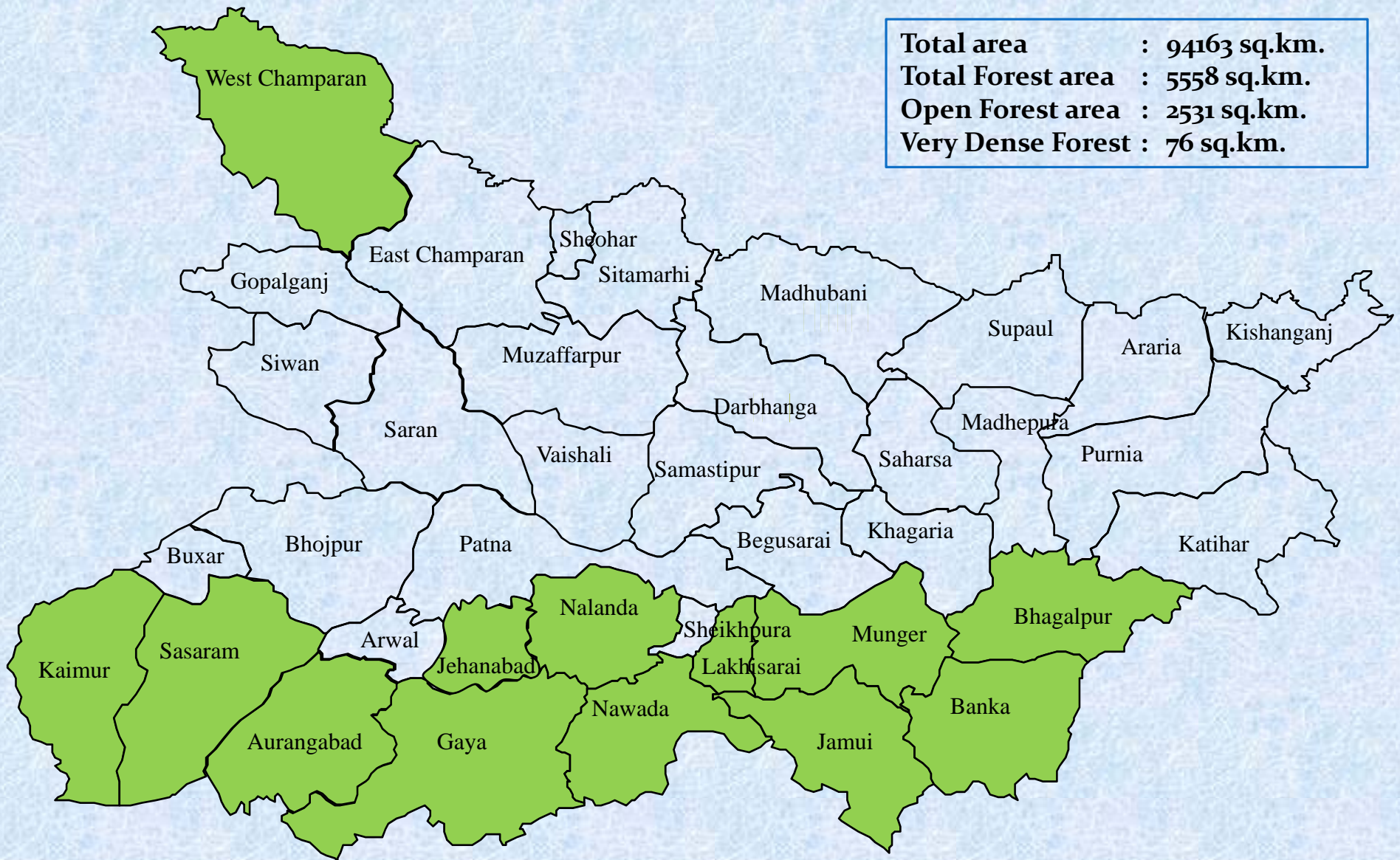


Action Plan for
Implementation of
Amended Rules of FRA
in Bihar

Presented by
Secretary, SC & ST Welfare Department

Forest Area in Bihar

Total area : 94163 sq.km.
Total Forest area : 5558 sq.km.
Open Forest area : 2531 sq.km.
Very Dense Forest : 76 sq.km.



Progress so far in implementation of FRA in Bihar

- 13 DLCs, 20 SDLCs and 1299 FRC constituted.
- Total 2930 claims filed, 585 claims under process, 31 title deeds given, 2314 claims rejected.
- Training module & Leaflets (in Hindi) for GS members prepared and distributed.
- Documentary film “*Soma ka Sapna*” developed by TRI, Pune has been distributed among the forest/revenue officials and committee members for awareness generation.
- Salient features of Forest Rights Act 2006, Rule 2007 highlighted in newspaper through advertisements.
- Awareness Training organized at Block level for FRCs members in West Champaran, Kaimur, Rohtas.
- Two state level workshop/meeting of DMs/DFOs/DWOs and other stakeholders organised.

Training and Awareness

- State level workshop with resource person from Govt. of India will be organized in December '12.
- Similarly, district level workshop will be organized in January '13.
- Selected Masters trainers will carry out training at district/block level. Training module will be prepared for regular training of GS members at Block/Subdivision levels.
- Leaflets in Hindi highlighting important features of the act/rule, rights & responsibilities of committees will be developed and distributed.
- Awareness generation through radio jingles, TV programme, *nukkad natak*, New paper Ads etc.

Formation of Forest Rights Committees

- A complete list of villages located in forest areas to be prepared by December 2012.
- DMs/DFOs to prepare list of hamlets/habitations in forest areas.
- 1299 FRCs have been constituted out of about 1583 FRCs. Wherever necessary FRC would be reconstituted as per the amended FR Act by January 2013. DMs/DFOs are being instructed accordingly.

Formation of DLC and SDLC

- Formation of committees-
 - All 13 DLCs formed
 - 20 SDLCs formed
- DLCs and SDLCs constituted as per rules.
- 8 SDLCs would be formed in December.

Community forest resource rights

- Traditionally villagers in and around forest areas enjoys community forest rights such as collection of firewood, MFPs, grazing etc .
- However to generate awareness, a campaign would be launch for Community forest resource rights. Leaflets would be developed. Similarly
- GS members would be specifically made aware about community forest resource rights during district/block level training.

Individual Rights

- About 350 GSs are yet to claim individual rights.
- GS members to be made aware about the individual rights of the tribals and OTFDs under the act. NGOs, Block officials to facilitate filling the application for individual rights.
- Sub division level committee to monitor the claims and rejection and provide information to the claimants about the rejection of their applications. Such claimants would be informed about their right of appeal against the rejection.

Protected areas

- Rights are recognized in Valmiki Tiger Project (National Park) in West Champaran district



- Similarly, rights are also recognized in Bhimbandh sanctuary in Munger district

Grievance Redressal

- A state level Grievance Redressal Committee to be constitute by Dec. 2012.
- Similarly GRCs will be constituted at district and sub-division level in all 13 districts and 28 sub-divisions by January 2013.
- The complaints to be redressed within 60 days.
- State Level Monitoring Committee to monitor the functioning of GRCs and ensure that all grievances are redressed within 60 days. The outcome of enquiry will be communicated to the complainant.

Review of Rejections

- The SDLC to ensure that all claimants whose claims are rejected are informed of the reasons for rejection within 60 days of rejection. GS members and claimants to be informed about their rights.
- If the DLC/SDLC find any rectifiable fault in the application then the same would be referred back to the SDLC/GS for reconsideration at the earliest.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- GS/SDLC/DLC to submit monthly reports indicating no. of claims filed, no. of claims recommended/accepted, no. of claims rejected, pending etc.
- SDLC/DLC to monitor/review the progress on monthly basis. Status of the claims to be uploaded on district websites.
- SDOs at sub-division level and DMs at district level to be responsible for monitoring of evaluation of claim status.
- SLC to review the progress made in the implementation of FRA.

Commitments from the state

- Launch a state wide campaign to reach out to the potential claimants and generate awareness about important provisions and rights under the act.
- Training and capacity building of GS members, block/district level revenue/forest official and other administrative officers.
- Put in place a robust mechanism at sub-division/district and state level to regularly monitor and review the implementation of act.
- Take steps to expedite filling, verification, examination and acceptance/rejection of the claims at different level.
- Rejection of claims to be communicated to the claimants.

Final Commitments from the State

Tentative time schedule to implement the amended rules of FRA in Bihar

S. No.	Action to be taken	Time limit
1	Documentation of rights of forest lands	
	A. Preparation of rules & regulations under revenue code for registering the claims of deed holders	April 2013
	B. Preparation of Maps & Land records of deed holders	June 2013
2	Registration of community claims	
	Documentation of maps and land records of community claims	June 2013
3	To acquaint the gram sabha and forest committees with new rules /regulations of FRA	
	A. Reconstitution of forest right committees	March 2013
	B. Providing rules and regulations, amended FRA	March 2013
	C. Propagation of FRA provisions among the people	Dec. 2013
	D. Training of Panchayat employees for getting the community claims filed by the concerned communities	July 2013

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S. No.	Action to be taken	Time limit
4	Making the community aware with the role in conservation of forest	July 2013
5	Conversion of forest villages in to revenue villages	No forest village in Bihar
6	Constitution of committees for conservation of wild life forest and biodiversity	July 2013
7	Providing benefits of the Act to those tribal settlements/hamlets which have been left out	Nov 2013
8	Providing benefits under various government schemes to the deed holders	Starting from issue of Patta till all eligible are benefitted

Estimated expenditure for implementation of action plan - FRA

Table A

S. N o.	District Name	No. of Village Forest Rights Committee required to be constituted	No. of Village Forest Rights Committee constituted	No. of Claims filed at Gram Sabha Level	Rejected Claims	No. of title deeds distributed	Pending claims (4-5)	Propaganda (Poster, Pamplets & Camping) @ 2000/- per village	Training @ 3000/- per village	Stationary @1500/- per village	Data Mgmt. per distt. @ Rs. 50000/-	Total (In Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	12	13	14
1	Bhabhua	241	198	10	0	-	10	482000	723000	361500	50000	1616500
2	W. Champaran	130	128	-	-	-	-	260000	390000	195000	50000	895000
3	Rohtas	51	51	260	147	-	113	102000	153000	76500	50000	381500
4	Jamui	153	117	13	13	-	0	306000	459000	229500	50000	1044500
5	Gaya	521	475	679	657	22	0	1042000	1563000	781500	50000	3436500
6	Nawada	167	131	-	-	-	-	334000	501000	250500	50000	1135500
7	Munger	63	33	-	-	-	-	126000	189000	94500	50000	459500
8	Banka	113	96	1968	1497	9	462	226000	339000	169500	50000	784500
9	Lakhisarai	32	26	-	-	-	-	64000	96000	48000	50000	258000
10	Aurangabad	100	36	-	-	-	-	200000	300000	150000	50000	700000
11	Nalanda	2	0	-	-	-	-	4000	6000	3000	50000	63000
12	Bhagalpur	2	0	-	-	-	-	4000	6000	3000	50000	63000
13	Jehanabad	8	8	-	-	-	-	16000	24000	12000	50000	102000
	Total	1583	1299	2930	2314	31	585	3166000	4749000	2374500	650000	10939500

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Table B

Workshop and Training cost

S. No.	Workshop/ Training	No. of persons	TA/DA of Trainers	Food (Tea/ snacks/ lunch)	Training material	Charge for training/ workshop hall)	Cost of one training at each level (Col. 4 to 7)	No. of Training	Total (Col. 8 x 9) Rs.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	State Level	50	20000	12500	25000	15000	72500	2	145000
2	District Level	50	15000	12500	25000	10000	62500	26	1625000
3	Sub-division Level	50	10000	6000	9000	7000	32000	56	1792000
4.	Preparation of training module	(Lump sum)							500000
5.	Training handout for committee members	(Total 16000 copies @ Rs. 50)							800000
	Total								48,62,000

Total Expenditure (A+B) = (Rs.1,09,39,500 + Rs.48,62,000) = Rs.1,58,01,500

Thank You