

FRA in Manifesto

Indian National Congress (in section on SC/STs): "We will ensure the strict implementation of PESA 1996 and FRA 2006 to ensure that Scheduled Tribes are empowered and brought into the mainstream"

Note:

no mention of other forest-dwellers here; secondly, in the Environment section, it only promises to "engage tribal and forest-dwelling communities more centrally in forest management, and ensure they get benefits from forest produce" ... ignoring the rights and ownership clauses of the FRA.

Aam Aadmi Party:

"PESA and the FRA to be effectively implemented to ensure that there is no land acquisition or extraction from forest areas without permission of Gram Sabhas, and their right to manage, sustainably use and protect all natural resources are fully protected". (AAP is the only manifesto that provides for Gram Sabha consent in case of land acquisition, development projects, etc).

Bharatiya Janata Party: No mention of FRA (or of any other natural resource rights)! Only says it will "facilitate access to minor forest produce" under the section on SCs/STs/OBCs.