



Welfare Department

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Summary of Achievements on implementation of FRA

Status	No. of FRC constituted	No. of claims received by Gram Sabha level	Claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	Claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	Claims approved by DLC	Total Title distributed	Total Claims rejected	Total Claims pending	Extent of forest land for which titles deeds issued (in acres)
Status in 17 IAP Districts	16448	35004	22617	14598	14034	14034	10641	10329	18988.79
Status in rest 7 Districts	4036	8603	3265	3063	2841	2841	5753	9	19491.15
Total	20484	43607	25882	17661	16875	16875	16394	10338	38479.94

Action Plan for Training and Awareness Raising on FRA

- **Details of Training Material developed-** Translated booklets of the Forest Right Act in six regional languages i.e. Nagpuri, Mundari, Kharia, Ho, Santhali & Kurukh.
- Awareness Generation and outreach program i.e. leaflet; Posters, booklet of guidelines have been circulated amongst all 24 districts of Jharkhand State.
- Documentary film in Hindi “for mass awareness among beneficiaries regarding Forest Right Act” has also been made and telecasted through Ranchi Doordarshan
- Awareness generation of the target group through radio messages (jingles) broadcasted from important stations of Akashvani and private radio channels.
- The main rights and provisions of the Forest Right Act and Rules have been published in local newspapers.

- **What Additional Training Materials are to be developed** - Joint Training with key departments such as Forest Department, Revenue and Panchayati Raj and Rural Department among others. Specific sessions with forest officials and tribal officials would be beneficial in clarifying roles and responsibilities in effective implementation of FRA.
- Identification and training of master trainers and non government organisations who are aware or need to be trained in the Forest Rights Act to hand hold th communities interested in claiming forest right under the FRA.
- **Details of the training plan for field ofificials** - Facilitating new and innovative dissemination tools for field ofificial such as Panchayats Shivirs and other communication strategies as may be desired for out reach and knowledge dissemination and including best practices in other states.

Formation of DLC and SDLC

- **How many DLCs and SDLCs have been formed – 24 DLCs and 35 SDLC have been formed.**
- **How many DLCs and SDLCs are yet to be formed, if any – No**
- **If DLCs and SLDCs are not constituted as per the rules, have these been rectified ? If not by when is it planned to be rectified ? DLCs and SLDCs are constituted but to be amended as per revised rules**

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 - District Welfare Officers have been instructed to prepare for listing of Districts / sub-divisions / villages in or near forest areas.**
- **Has a list of all hamlets / habitations in all gram panchayats in forest areas been made for gram sabhas under the Act?**
Listing is under process by Block Welfare Officers
- **If no, details of the steps being taken to ensure a complete listing of such Gram Sabhas?** Prescribed format have been circulated to all districts for listing of such Gram sabhas.
- **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?** 20484 FRCs have been constituted

Action Plan for Community Forest Resource Rights

- **How many villages have claimed CFR rights [Sec.3(1)(i)]? – 3574 villages**
- **What are the plans to cover the remaining villages if any and by when?** - Community Forest Right Campaign on mission mode, Clarification of roles and Deputation of special staff for FRA implementation and palpable tendency to cede the initiative to the Forest Department, the Revenue Department and the Rural Development department.
- **What are the steps being adopted to ensure that all villages claim CFR rights?** Create a data base of tracking the recognition process and facilitating the recognition process by providing credible evidence including satellite imageries. This will be done with clear parameters of tracking the process

Community Forest Rights

- **How many GSs are yet to claim all the relevant Community rights (such as Grazing, Fishing, MFP etc in Sec.3(1)(b), (c), (d), (e), (h), (j), (k) and (l))?** – 13032 GSs approx.
- **What are the plans to enable these GSs to claim these rights and by when?** - 81.27% forest in Jharkhand is protected forest, where adjacent villages have been given many rights like rights of firewood, grazing, timber for their need, collection of MFPs etc. since long.
- Necessary assistance of facilitators in every district by January 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 filing of claims for these rights** - Development of Implementation Strategy for the selected Districts in collaboration with State and District Level Government Bodies and CSOs, Experts and Consultant is under process
- **Plan for conversion of forest village, unrecorded settlements and old habitations into revenue villages** - Convergence and consistence in policies of different departments
- **Have the rights of pastoralists and nomadic communities been recognized? If not, plan for ensuring filing of claims for these rights** – Instruction have already been given to all concerned Officers for ensuring filing of such claims

Individual Rights

How many GSs are yet to claim individual rights sec. 3(1) (a), (f), (g), and (m)]? 8200 approx.

What are the plans to enable these GSs to claim these rights and by when? Regular meetings with members of Sub divisional level committee, officials of forest, revenue, panchayati raj department and other line departments on a need based strategy as well as bi-monthly review of progress.

What are the plans to ensure that OTFDs who have been left out are able to claim rights? Campaign drive for awareness generation at GS level and assistance of facilitators for generation of claims.

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?

Rejection of claim to be communicated to the claimant and opportunity to appeal against the rejection

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?

Developing synergies between the rights regime and the conservation regime by exploring practical linkages of existing participatory approaches or community based approaches and the FRA opportunities through duties and forest protection Committees (Betla National Park & Dalma Wildlife)

What are the scheduled plan for these areas?

Understanding other conservation related laws such as Wildlife Protection Act, Forest Conservation Act, Role of Judiciary in forest governance among others.

Special emphasis on Amendment Rules 2012 and the guidelines and other clarifications issued from both MOTA and state government

Action Plan for Grievance Redressal

(As per MoTA Guidelines issued on 12.07.12)

- **What steps have been taken to create an accessible grievance redressal system where forest dwellers' complaints about issues such as non-provision of records, violation of rights, harassment etc. can receive prompt redressal?**

Direction related to the above issues have been circulated to concerned district officials for prompt redressal.

Close monitoring on the progress of FRA implementation during review meeting

Preparation of simple user guide or manuals including Frequently Asked Questions

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 ?

To facilitate this process, an information cell at the SDLC and DLC level is being created. Model guidelines has been framed for effective interaction and coordination between SLMC, DLC and SDLC. Alternately a task force may also be created at the SLMC level which can formulate a transparent mechanism and which shall also exercise authority for mid course.

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?

SLMC can instruct the DLC to state reasons for rejection of claims or reduction of areas under claims and convey its decision to the SDLC which in turn can inform the concerned Gram Sabha.

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?

To track the recognition process of FRA a database will be created at SDLC and DLC level wherein information such as number of applications filed, status of claims, rejections along with reasons of rejections or the lack of it, Appeals, nature of the claim etc. will be periodically uploaded and updated by the SDLC and DLC. This database will also be accessible to SLMC for monitoring the process.

Who are responsible for monitoring and evaluation at the level of SDLC and DLC?

The Sub – Divisional Officer at SDLC level and Deputy Commissioner at District Level

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))?**

Under Joint Forest Management Village committees are managing the forest resources. This will be strengthened by conducting the Gram Sabha meetings.

- **What are the plans along with time line for training programmes for these committees to prepare conservation and management plans?**

Now in the State for the forest areas micro-plans are being prepared with the active support of Gram Sabha and with bottom-up approach working plans of forest are being prepared.

- **How will Forest Department plans be modified to bring them into accordance with GS committees' plans for conservation and management of the forest?**

Forest Department is preparing working plan by bottom-up approach and in accordance micro-plan will be prepared by Gram Sabha Committee for conservation & management of the forest.

- **Have State Rules/policies on transit permits for MFP been modified?**

All the MFPs have been de-notified for the purpose of free transit except kendu leaves where the price of kendu leaves is regulated by the Forest department and trading support is also provided to the primary collectors and the net profit are also being ploughed back to the kendu leaves pluckers.

- **What are the plans to link the rights holders with existing development and welfare plans and programmes? Please list the Programmes**

- Department having the development program specifically for priority sector are being converged for the economic development of forest right holders.

Final Commitments from the State

- Increasing outreach: A completely different approach to reaching out to potential claimants, through audio-visual material (e.g., radio) and other channels and through civil society groups.
- Necessary assistance of facilitators
- Close monitoring on the progress of FRA implementation
- Conversion of Forest Village to Revenue Village for individual claims
- Videography of the gram sabha meeting for transparency and minimizing the disputes
- Rejection of claim to be communicated to the claimant and opportunity to appeal against the rejection

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**Action Plan for the implementation
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Sl. No.	Plan of Action	Timeline
1	Appointment of Technical Consultant	December 2012
2	Assistance of Facilitators in each district	From January 2013 onwards
3	Study of Claim Generation by conducting Sample Survey	January to February 2013
3	Workshop cum orientation on FRA and Rules including the recent amendments, guidelines and clarifications issued by both centre and state to all levels of authorities.	State Level – December 2012 District level: January – March 2013 Sub – Division Level – January 2013
4	Identification and training of master trainers and non government organizations who are aware or need to be trained in the Forest Rights Act to hand hold the communities.	December 2012 – February 2013
5	Joint Training with key departments such as Forest Department, Revenue and Panchayati Raj and Rural Department among others.	March - 2013

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6	Panchayats Shivirs and other communication strategies as may be desired for outreach and knowledge dissemination and including best practices in other states.	February - April 2013
7	Simple user guide or manuals to reach out to all stake holders for increasing the understanding FRA and Rules including Frequently Asked Questions, sample questionnaires and other IEC material.	February 2013
8	Preparation for handholding claimants and forest dwelling communities for enabling them to increase productivity of lands so recognized under the FRA with the help of forest department as well as other line departments.	December 2012 to April 2013
9	GIS Mapping of villages	February 2013 to June 2013
10	Videography of the gram sabha meeting for transparency and minimizing the disputes	January 2013 onwards

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11	Rejection of claim to be communicated to the claimant and opportunity to appeal against the rejection	December 2012 onwards
12	Transparent mechanism of reasons for rejections of claims	March 2013 onwards
13	State wide help line or Advice and Referral Service for the creating a two way communication between the claimants and the state to address the challenges of FRA implementation.	May 2013 onwards
14	Database of tracking the recognition process and facilitating the recognition process by providing credible evidence including satellite imageries	June 2013 onwards
15	Monitoring and evaluation mechanism within the state headquarters at the nodal agency of the state and including facilitating external evaluation.	January 2013 onwards

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