

**Status Report on Implementation of the  
Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional  
Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest  
Rights) Act, 2006**

**[For the Period ending 31st October 2008]**

**Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
Government of India**

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1. **Details of Court cases filed against the Act:**

Action taken in each court case is indicated in [Annexure-I](#).

The Ministry has requested the Ministry of Law and Justice to convene a meeting of all the Additional Solicitor Generals of the States where the Court Cases have been filed to brief them so that the Court Cases are defended strongly and in a proper manner.

2. **Readiness of the States in the implementation of the Act:**

Many states/ UTs are not sending the status of implementation of the Act in their states/UTs to this Ministry regularly. A reminder D.O letter has been sent by Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs on 24.10.08 to all the States/ UTs to send the same regularly. In this connection, the next Review meeting on the implementation of the Act, has been scheduled on 11.11.08.

An updated status of State-wise implementation of the Act is given in [Annexure-II](#).

3. **Legal clarifications sought by the States, if any:**

Ministry of Environment & Forest have not yet notified the guidelines for diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government under section 3(2) of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. A second reminder has been sent by Secretary (TA) to Secretary (MOEF) on 23.10.08 requesting for immediate notification of the guidelines. After the notification is issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, the clarification sought by the Government of Kerala would be replied to.

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

Nothing is pending at the level of Government of India.

5. **Projected date for distribution of title deeds in each State:**

Pending population of the web-site ([www.forestrights.gov.in](http://www.forestrights.gov.in)), a statement on claims received and distribution of title deeds in various states, as in [Annexure-III](#), is being maintained.

6. **Ministry of Tribal Affairs:**

**(A) Web-based Monitoring:**

Director (SG), Ministry of Tribal Affairs held another video conferencing at NIC Headquarters on 21.10.08 with the concerned officers of the States of Rajasthan, Kerala, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Goa and Nagaland. Officers of the state of Himachal Pradesh requested for another date and officers of the state of Orissa did not attend the video conferencing. Latest status and problems on the implementation of the Forests

Rights Act in the above mentioned states were discussed. Officials of the most of the above mentioned states stated that the web based MIS for on line monitoring of the implementation of the Act would be populated on website <http://forestrights.gov.in> in their States by the end of October' 08. They have not started doing it.

(B) ***Monitoring of the implementation of the Act by personal visits to States/UTs by the Ministry:***

- (i) Secretary (TA) visited the State of Gujarat on 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October, 08 and reviewed the progress of the implementation of the Forest Right Act, 2006 in the State, in particular context of rights of other traditional forest dwellers. A gist of his observations is as under:-
  - a) There are 50 OTFD villages/hamlets in the Banni area covering 3847 sq.kms., declared in the year 1955 as Proposed Forests (PF). In other words, the ownership of these lands still remains with the Revenue Department. If so, the spear-heading of the programme for the Banni area of Kutch should rightly be done by the Revenue Department as has been the case in many areas of Madhya Pradesh.
  - b) The next issue that needs to be decided is how many of these 50 villages/hamlets were in existence before 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1930. This information should be available from the old revenue records. Claims under the Forest Rights Act, as OTFDs, will only be valid for such pre-30<sup>th</sup> December 1930 individuals/groups/families/communities under the Forest Rights Act and Rules.
  - c) Since OTFDs are both nomadic, and settled individuals/groups, a careful assessment will have to be done for the specific areas claimed, including the areas where the sheep/goat herds move around in the course of the year. For unchanging and static claim areas, there should be no problem. For changing areas, two types of problems can be anticipated: if the claims are more than 4 hectares and if there are multiple claimants. Both these issues will have to be carefully studied by the Gram Sabhas through the Forest Rights Committees.
  - d) For taking up the entire exercise in the tribal areas of the country, the Ministry had allowed release of funds under Article 275(1) of the Constitution. But since OTFDs are not tribals, it would appear that the State would need to allocate funds themselves for the exercise.
  - e) There is a justification in the State Governments plan to take up the OTFD issue after finishing the work relating to Scheduled Tribes.
  - f) An area of concern is the impact which the entire exercise may have on the traditional lifestyles of these nomadic groups. These persons are not experienced in settled agriculture. Settled animal husbandry will also not enable them to provide adequate fodder for their animals. Therefore, there is every danger that with a change in lifestyle, they will suffer drastically. Even if a few groups agree to settle down and get rights over specific grazing

areas, it will disturb the movement cycle of those who would like to continue their traditional lifestyles. Even those who cannot claim rights under the Forest Rights Act because of the 75 year restriction clause, may find their movement cycle disturbed. So, it would seem to be desirable, in approaching the problem not from the point of view of settling individual rights, but as rights of use or entitlements as provided under Section 3(1)(d) of the Forest Rights Act.

- g) Development initiatives should be targeted to these herders wherever they have some semblance of settlement.

- (C) Senior officers of the Ministry are also in constant touch with the Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Commissioners of SC and ST Welfare Departments of various states regarding the implementation of the Act.

## 7. Planning Commission

A meeting of Inter-Sectoral Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Bhalachandra Mungekar, Member, Planning Commission was held on 26.9.08 to review the progress of implementation of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 by States/UTs. Shri B. N. Yungadhar, Member, Planning Commission, being a Member of the Committee also attended the meeting. Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Director General ( Forest ) & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forest also attended the meeting. The following decisions were taken in the meeting:

- i. Hon'ble Prime Minister may like to address to all the Chief Ministers of the States for rigorous implementation of the Act. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs will put up a draft D.O. letter for Hon'ble Prime Minister.

A draft DO letter from Hon'ble Prime Minister to the Chief Ministers of States/UTs has been sent to PMO on 24.10.08.

- ii. The Chairman and Shri B. N. Yugandhar along with the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs will visit the Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Jharkhand States to review the implementation of the Act.
- iii. A road map may be prepared to ensure the implementation of the Act in all the States/UTs in one year time. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs will prepare a road map in this regard.

A tentative road map has been prepared and sent to all States/UTs., (copy of the same is enclosed at **Annexure IV.**), with the request to bring their own road map for discussion in the review meeting scheduled for 11.11.08.

- iv. A Technical Support Group (TSG) may be set up to monitor the implementation of the Act online by all the States/UTs.

## Annexure - I

### Status Report on Court Cases in connection with the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006

(As on 31.10.2008)

Court Cases / Writ Petition	Status
1) Writ Petition (C) No. 50 of 2008 - Bombay Natural History Society & Others Vs. Union of India and others in the Supreme Court of India (Civil Original Jurisdiction), New Delhi .	
2) Writ Petition (C) No. 109 of 2008 - Wildlife First and others Vs. Union of India through Cabinet Secretary and others in the Supreme Court of India (Civil Original Jurisdiction), New Delhi	☛ Counter Affidavits have been filed in Supreme Court. Three months time sought.
3. W.P. No. 21479 of 2007 - Shri J.V. Sharma and two others Vs. GOI and others in the High Court of Andhra Pradesh at <b>Hyderabad</b> .	☛ The court has given Interim order. Process of verification may go on. Distribution of <i>pattas</i> cannot take place.  • Draft Stay Vacation Petition has been sent to ASG, Hyderabad for vetting and then filing in High Court.
4. MP No. 1/2008 in W.P. No. 4533/2008 - V. Sambasivam Vs. GOI, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and 5 others in the High Court of Judicature at <b>Chennai</b>	☛ Orders of the High Court required prior to the issue of certificate of title (Patta).
5. Writ Petition (MD) No.533 of 2008 filed by Shri T.N.S. Murugadoss Theerthapathi Vs. Government of India , Ministry of Law & Justice and six others in the <b>Madurai Bench of Madras High Court</b> .	☛ Para-wise comments prepared and sent to CGSC, Madurai for preparation of Counter Affidavit.
6. PIL No. 21 of 2008 (PIL Sl. No. 2547 of 2008) filed by Sevanivrutta Van Karmachari Sangh (SEVAK) Vs. Union of India and Others in the High Court of Judicature at <b>Bombay</b> , Civil Appellate Jurisdiction.	☛ Though listed, yet it did not come up for hearing and the next date is yet to be fixed.  ☛ Para-wise comments of the Ministry sent to ASG, Mumbai for preparation of draft Counter Affidavit.
7. Writ Petition No.1392/2008 filed by the Karnataka Retired Forest Officers' Association, Bangalore Vs. Union of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and 4 others in the <b>Karnataka</b> High Court.	☛ Para-wise comments sent to CGSC, Bangalore for preparing a draft Counter Affidavit. Draft is still awaited.

Court Cases / Writ Petition	Status
8. Writ Petition (C) No.4933 of 2008 filed by the Society of Retired Forest Officers, Orissa in the High Court of Orissa, Cuttack.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☛ Counter Affidavit filed in the High Court of Orissa, Cuttack.</li> <li>☛ The case came up for hearing in the High Court of Orissa, Cuttack on 24.9.08, but was adjourned as the Counter Affidavit from Govt. of Orissa, was not filed.</li> </ul>
9. Writ Petition No.4656 of 2008 filed by Sh. Rajesh Jauhri in the High Court of Judicature of M.P Bench at Indore.	☛ Para-wise comments as well as draft Counter Affidavit sent to ASG, Jabalpur as the Govt. of M.P informed that the WP is transferred to the Principal Bench of High Court at Jabalpur.
10. A Transfer Petition (Civil) Nos. 414-417 of 2008 filed in the Supreme Court of India for transferring various court cases, to Supreme Court for combined hearing by the Apex Court	

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## Annexure - II

### Statement showing State-wise status of implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006

(As on 31.10.2008)

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	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	On 14th & 15 <sup>th</sup> October,2008, NIC conducted the training to the District staff at Hyderabad for Web-based MIS
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	3,12,564 (3,07,104 individual and 5460 community claims)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	108865
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	84984
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	77541
	11) Number of titles distributed	330 issued before the Court's order and 77541 are ready for distribution.
12) No. of claims rejected		
13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds		
14) Problems	i) Restrictive court orders ii) Lack of updated land records	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Arunachal Pradesh		No Response
Assam	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Is being done
	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) Problems	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
<b>Bihar</b>	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Is being done
	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	Not Available
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	495
	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	All the Government functionaries were busy in flood relief works.

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Chhatisgarh	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	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	
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	3,85,417 (individual) and 4971 (community) claims have been received
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	105000 (Approx.)
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	15000 (Approx.)
	11) Number of titles distributed	59548 titles have been distributed and another 75000 are ready
	12) No. of claims rejected	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	
	14) Problems	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Goa	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	Proposal under consideration of Government.
	a) SDLC	
	b) DLC	
	c) SLMC	
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Is in progress.
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Has been started and going on in a large scale.
	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) Problems	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Gujarat	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	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	82397 (individual) and 1595 (community).
	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	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
<b>Haryana</b>	The State Govt. has informed that there are no Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers living in the forests of Haryana	
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	d) SDLC	Yes
	e) DLC	Yes
	f) SLMC	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	Yes, in 121 Gram Sabhas out of 151 Gram Sabha (80%)
	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) Problems	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Jharkhand	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	g) SDLC	Yes
	h) DLC	Yes
	i) SLMC	Yes
	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	Has started
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Has started
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	On account of non-holding of Panchayat elections, Gram Sabhas meetings could not be held. Based on the advice giving by this Ministry, instructions have now been issued on 13.8.08 to all Nodal Officers and Deputy Commissioners to convene Gram Sabha Meetings and constitute FRCs and take further necessary action.
	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) Problems		

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
<b>Karnataka</b>	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	j) SDLC	Yes
	k) DLC	Yes
	l) SLMC	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	345 FRCs have been constituted
	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	15.2.2009
	14) Problems	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	m) SDLC	Yes
	n) DLC	Yes
	o) SLMC	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	2,83,000 [2,81,700-individual claims + 1300 community claims]
	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	4186 distributed and 9458 ready for distribution
	12) No. of claims rejected	
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	
	14) Problems	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Maharashtra	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	p) SDLC	Yes
	q) DLC	Yes
	r) SLMC	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	50,800 individual claims and 317 community claims
	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		
Manipur		

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Meghalay	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	s) SDLC	Yes
	t) DLC	Yes
	u) SLMC	Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Translation of the Act in local languages is held up on account of non-availability of the Act's legal lexicon in local languages
	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	
	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) Problems	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
<b>Mezoram</b>	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	v) SDLC	Yes
	w) DLC	Yes
	x) SLMC	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	
	14) Problems	
<b>Nagaland</b>	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 land owners. 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.	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Orissa	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	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 42685 villages out of 46515 villages
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	77,894 claims
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	30634
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	636
	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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forest land in the State is un-surveyed &amp; detailed maps/records are not available.</li> <li>2. Illiterate tribal people residing in remote areas find it difficult to procure authorized copy of Caste/Community in support of their claims.</li> <li>3. Lack of trained manpower &amp; survey equipment thereby hampering vetting of claims.</li> <li>4. Restrictive Court order.</li> </ol>

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Rajasthan	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	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	34,417 (including 2 community claims)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	8947
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	2704
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	2025
	11) Number of titles distributed	321 pattas distributed and 1415 claims ready but are withheld owing to the coming into force of model code of conduct for elections.
	12) No. of claims rejected	678 claims returned by DLC to SDLC.
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	
	14) Problems	Issue of <i>pattas</i> is withheld owing to the coming into force of model code of conduct for elections.

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Sikim	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)	
Tamilnadu	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	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 15.08.2--8
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	Claims have not yet started coming.
	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	Restrictive Court order.

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Tripura	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	
	b) DLC	
	c) SLMC	
	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	Notification has been issued asking the DMs and SDOs to publicise the Act and the Rules amongst the tribals.
	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) Problems	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Uttar Pradesh	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	Different Committees were scheduled to be framed by 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 08, however, no confirmation of the same has been received.
	a) SDLC	
	b) DLC	
	c) SLMC	
	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	15000 copies of the Act and the Rules have been printed and distributed to different departments. For awareness generation, they are distributing these copies at different levels.
	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) Problems	

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Uttarakhand	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	No
	a) SDLC	
	b) DLC	
	c) SLMC	
	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) Problems	Formation of committees could not be done due to the coming into force of model code of conduct for elections.

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
West Bengal	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	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 been started and going on in a large scale
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Has started
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	20 claims have been received and all claims by Oct., 08.
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	7 claims verified and sent 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	31.01.09
	14) Problems	Some delay occurred initially owing to the Panchayat elections in the State.

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
<b>A &amp; N Islands</b>		No response
<b>Daman &amp; Diu</b>		No response
<b>Dadra &amp; Nagar Haveli</b>	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees	
	a) SDLC	Yes
	b) DLC	Yes
	c) SLMC	Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Has been completed
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Has been started and is going on
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Has started
	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) Problems	
<b>Lakshadweep</b>	The UT Administration has intimated, vide letter dated 6.2.2008, that there are no terrestrial forests and no forest tribes or traditional forest dwellers in Lakshadweep .	

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## Annexure - III

### 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 31.10.2008)

S. No	State	Claims Received	Title Deeds Distributed
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3,12,564	330 distributed before the receipt of court order and 77,541 ready.
2.	Arunachal Pradesh		
3.	Assam		
4.	Bihar	495	
5.	Chhattisgarh	3,90,388 (3,85,417 individual claims plus 4971 community claims)	59,548 distributed and 75,000 (approx.) ready.
6.	Goa		
7.	Gujarat	83,989 ( 82,394 individual claims plus 1595 community claims)	
8.	Himachal Pradesh		
9.	J & K		
10.	Jharkhand		
11.	Karnataka		
12.	Kerala		
13.	Madhya Pradesh	2,83,000 (2,81,700 individual claims plus 1300 community claims)	4186 distributed and 9458 ready.
14.	Maharashtra	51,117 ( 50,800 individual claims plus 317 community claims)	
15.	Manipur		
16.	Meghalaya		
17.	Mizoram		
18.	Nagaland		

S. No	State	Claims Received	Title Deeds Distributed
19.	Orissa	77,894	
20.	Rajasthan	34,417	321 issued and 1415 ready.
21.	Sikkim		
22.	Tamil Nadu		
23.	Tripura		
24.	Uttar Pradesh		
25.	Uttaranchal		
26.	West Bengal	20 only	The state has assured to receive all claims by October'08 and complete the process by 31.01.09 (except Darjeeling )
27.	A & N Islands		
28.	Daman & Diu		
29.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli		
30.	Lakshadweep		

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**N.B.:**

**There is no change in the contents of the report.  
FRA Facilitating and Monitoring Cell has re-  
formatted the report.**