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Ministry of Environment and Forests

IMPLEMENTATION OF FOREST RIGHT ACT

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Rajya Sabha

The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 for recognition and vesting of occupation and habitation rights on forest land to the forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers has already been notified for operation with effect from 31.12.2007 . The rules for carrying out the provisions of the Act have also been notified on 1.1.2008. Copies of the Act and the rules are available on the website (www.tribal.gov.in) of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is a Central Act and extends to the whole of India, except the State of Jammu & Kashmir. After operationalisation of the Act, the Central Government has addressed all the States and the UT Governments on 11.1.2008 to constitute various Committees under the Act and also initiate necessary action for recognition & vesting of forest rights in the forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers under the Act, as per a time bound schedule.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Environment and Forests Shri S. Regupathy, in a written reply to a question by Shri Jesudasu Seelam in the Rajya Sabha today.

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