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MORE THAN NINE LAKH TITLE DEEDS DISTRIBUTED UNDER FOREST RIGHTS ACT

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As on 31st July, 2010, 9,93,988 title deeds have been distributed against 28,49,000 claims received under the forest rights under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. This information was given by Shri. Tushar A. Chaudhary, the Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha today.

As per the Act and the Rules, the onus of implementation of the Act lies with the State / UT Governments. As per the information collected from the States, the requisite details, as on 31st July, 2010, are as under:

No. of claims received	No. of title deeds distributed	No. of claims rejected	Total No. of claims disposed of / settled
28,49,000	9,93,988	11,91,362	21,85,350

According to the information received from 11 States, as against 9,14,258 title deeds the forest rights under the Act, have been vested over a total area of 32,31,945.51 Acres of forest land.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been reviewing the implementation of the Act by obtaining monthly progress reports on the status of the implementation of the Act from all the States/UTs. Review meetings with the concerned officers of the State / UT Governments are being held periodically. The officers of the Ministry are also visiting the States to assess and guide the pace of implementation

The Ministry has been interacting with all the State governments and Union Territory Administrations urging them to expedite implementation of the Act. The Ministry has advised and is pursuing all the State/UT governments to ensure completion of the work relating to the vesting of forest rights at the earliest.

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