

Role of Tahasildars and Welfare Extension Officers (WEOs) under MJJY

Roles & responsibilities of Tahasildar in the implementation of “MJJY”:

- Tahasildars have been designated as the main functionary to implement the Scheme “Mo Jungle Jami Yojana” (MJJY) at the Tahasil/Block level.
- Tahasildar would function as the Chairperson of the Tahasil Level Monitoring Committee (TLMC) on MJJY to be constituted by the DLC on FRA.
- TLMC comprises of several members and besides the WEO (Member Convenor) and the Coordinator of FR Cell, concerned Rev. Supervisors, R.I.s and the Forest Range officer would be inducted as other Members of the Committee.
- It shall meet once a month to monitor the progress, sort out field problems/issues & take appropriate decisions.
- In case of any complex or critical issue, the matter may be raised in the monthly revenue meeting of the district or the DLC meeting for its proper settlement/redressal.
- In due discharge of various functions concerning MJJY, Tahasildar would be assisted by the WEO concerned as well as the Coordinator & MIS Assistant of the Tahasil level FR Cell established/proposed by the SSD Department.
- Representative of the NGO/CSO nominated for the district by the SSD Department to be invited as Special Invitee to the TLMC meeting for better coordination & follow up.
- To facilitate effective implementation of MJJY, following steps needs to be taken:
- Massive awareness & sensitisation campaigns to be organised and the basic objectives, process to be adopted & other details explained to all concerned.
- Adequate number of Leaflets, Registers, Forms, Maps and other connected documents pertaining to the village/habitations are to be made available to the FRCs/JASs.
- Coordinate with the officials & Sarpanchs concerned and ensure constitution/reconstitution of the FRCs in all the potential villages/ habitations.
- Detail list of the FR claimants/ rejected claimants to be updated from the concerned case-records and uploaded in the said FRA website.
- Ensure preparation of GP and village-wise action plans & its approval by GSs.
- Ensure that the claim filing process is initiated & verification is done with the involvement of officials/ PRI concerned.
- Ensure record & map correction and its incorporation in the BHULEKH & BHUNAKSHA site being maintained by the NIC through LRMS Portal.
- Ensure that handholding support is extended to the FRCs/GSs in following the procedures outlined in the Guidelines of R & DM Department as regard conversion of forest villages/ un-surveyed habitations to Revenue villages.
- Ensure that post-rights facilities stipulated under rule 16 of the amended FR Rules, 2012 and the guidelines issued are followed and all forest right holders are benefited through livelihood support and strengthening, as per the absorption capacity and requirement of the said family.
- Ensure that CFRMC is constituted in all such villages, where CFR rights have been vested on GSs.

Roles & responsibilities of WEOs in the implementation of “MJJY”

- WEOs posted at the Block level are the base level officials of the SSD, whose prime duty is to look after the welfare of the people belonging to STs/SCs/SEBCs/ Minorities.
- To saturate the rights recognition process and to provide post-title support to the title holders, as per the provisions of the FRA, a State Sector Scheme titled “**Mo Jungle Jami Yojana**” has been launched by the Hon’ble Chief Minister, Odisha on 09.08.2023.
- WEOs have also been endowed with powers to function as the Member Convenor of the Tahasil Level Monitoring Committee at the Tahasil level.
- Coordinate and organize awareness and sensitization programs on FRA, Amended Rules and the procedure of claim making at the village or panchayat level (wherever feasible).
- Ensure that Odia translated copy of the Act and Rules Leaflets/Formats etc. are provided to all the Gram-Sabhas;
- Ensure that FRC Members are well aware of their role and responsibilities.
- Maintain the list of FRCs with names & other details of office bearers.
- Distribute claim formats (Claim forms A, B and C) for claiming individual rights, community rights and rights over community forest resources.
- Ensure all mandatory records, i.e. Meeting Book, Claimant Register, Notice Book and record of verification proceedings are provided to all Gram-Sabhas.
- Ensure that forest and revenue maps and electoral rolls are provided to the Gram-Sabha or the FRCs on behalf of the SDLC.
- Coordinate with the PEO/PRI to hold the Gram-Sabha at the village level & initiate the FRA claim-making process in the village.
- Coordinate with revenue (RI/Amins) and forest officials (Forester / Range Officer) in the process of verification and mapping.
- Ensure that the Gram-Sabha meetings are conducted freely, openly and fairly with the requisite quorum & extend required support to the Gram-Sabha, as and when requested.
- Provide support to the Gram Sabhas/FRCs in the process of determination of community forest resources and in the process of its verification and mapping (if required by Gram Sabhas/FRCs).
- Ensure convergence of Govt. Programs/Schemes with the title holders and maintain database of it.