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ST & SC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

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From

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Director (ST) & Ex-Officio Spl. Secretary to Govt.

To

All Collectors-cum-Chairpersons of DLCs on FRA.

Sub.-: List of potential villages for recognition of Community Rights and Community Forest Resources Rights under FRA.

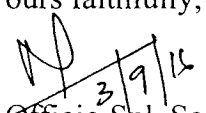
Ref: Letter no.23011/18/2015-FRA dt.27.07.2015 of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India addressed to all Chief Secretaries (Copy enclosed).

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to enclose herewith the statement indicating the list of potential villages that could have eligible community groups which could be provided Community Rights and Community Forest Resources Rights under FRA. The list have been developed by SCSTRTI, Bhubaneswar basing upon the methodology provided by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India.

There is a need to provide Community Rights and Community Forest Resources Rights under FRA on a priority mode basing on the procedure and process prescribed under FRA rules. The detailed verification and field level examination of the potential villages may be carried out and the process as envisaged u/r 12 B of the amended Forest Rights Rules, 2012 be followed for recognition of Community Rights and Community Forest Resources Rights to eligible forest dwelling STs and OTFDs.

Yours faithfully,


Director (ST) & Ex-Officio Spl. Secretary

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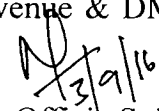
Memo No. 16417 / SSD Dt. 03-09-2016.

Copy along with the enclosures sent to all Nodal Officers on FRA for information and necessary compliance.


Director (ST) & Ex-Officio Spl. Secretary

Memo No. 16418 / SSD Dt. 03-09-2016.

Copy along with the enclosures submitted to the Addl. Secretary to Govt., Forest & Env. Department / Panchayati Raj Department / Revenue & DM Department, Odisha for information and necessary action.


Director (ST) & Ex-Officio Spl. Secretary

No/23011/18/2015- FRA
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

August Kranti Bhawan
New Delhi
Dated: 27.07.2015

To,
The Chief Secretaries of all State Governments

Sub: Guidelines with regard to use of Geo referencing for assessment of potential areas and re-examination of rejected claims under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA),

1. As you may be aware, Ministry of Tribal Affairs has taken up implementation of FRA on a campaign mode. As part of PRAGATI, Hon'ble Prime Minister had reviewed the implementation of FRA. Hon'ble Prime Minister has desired that Ministry of Tribal Affairs must take a lead in technological support to the States. It was also stated that States need to proactively pursue progress in vesting of rights in time bound manner. Geo referenced database of vesting of rights may be created. Further to this, Ministry of Tribal Affairs had issued a letter on 28th April 2015 (D.O No. 23011/18/2015-FRA) to all the States requesting them create geo- referenced data base.
2. Meanwhile, Ministry of Tribal Affairs have consulted technical resource agencies such as National Remote Sensing Centre, Bhaskaracharya Institute For Space Applications and Geo-Informatics (BISAG), Dept of Science and Technology, Govt. of Gujarat, State Governments and Tribal Research Institutes, for inputs on geo referencing on FRA.
3. This Ministry has received reports which suggest that large number of claims have been rejected due to lack of evidence or incomplete evidence. It may be noted that as per Rule 6 (b) of Forest Right Rules, district administration in general and the SDLC in particular are expected to assist the Gram Sabhas and the FRCs by providing forest and revenue maps. In this context geo-referenced maps may be generated and be provided to Gram Sabhas and

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FRCs. Accordingly claims rejected on the grounds of insufficient evidences or which prima-facie requires additional examination may be re-examined.

4. It is being reiterated that use of any technology, such as, satellite imagery, should be used to supplement evidences tendered by a claimant for consideration of the claim and not to replace other evidences submitted by him in support of his claim as the only form of evidence. If rights have already been recognised in favour of a claimant, the same may not be reopened.
5. Through **Geographical information System (GIS)**, maps can be prepared for implementing agencies, regarding the eligible areas for the implementation of FRA where maps can be drawn at different administrative levels like nation, state, district, block and village. With the use of GIS, final maps can also be prepared for the village as mentioned under Rule 12 A (9) of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Rules, 2008 (as amended up to date) ('FR Rules') with spatial information of physiographic features of that village, area of the forest land in numerical value recognized under the FRA.
6. Based on the inputs, the broad parameters for use of geo referencing data for identification of potential areas for both individual and Community Forest Resource Rights (CFR) are listed. The following guidelines may be applied for use of technology and geo referencing to expedite the process of FRA implementation:
 - a. Geo referenced Satellite image of highest resolution (preferably with 1M or higher resolution) of any satellite may be used for period around December, 2005. Google earth images, especially, the historical images of around the year 2005, or any other reliable open-source images can also be used for this purpose. Images can also be procured from National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad if required.
 - b. The geo-referenced imageries on the Latitude/Longitude grid of the GIS program and digitized and geo-referenced village and forest boundaries can be overlaid on the same if available;
 - c. Identification of cultivated areas through the Satellite imagery needs to be verified through ground-truthing using GPS/ Android Phone etc.
 - d. GPS surveys of all plots of lands of the wrongly rejected (including partially rejected) / pending claims, may be done with active participation of the village FRCs and Gram Sabhas.
 - e. Since the GPS survey is a simple tool and can be handled after simple training and demonstration, the States should involve FRCs (or teams of local youth) in the survey work after providing necessary training and also providing GPS/android devices;
 - f. After processing of the GPS data overlay plots of claimed lands (with unique plot numbers) on the imageries and prepare maps (with

imagery) and lists with area of each plot and provide them to the FRCs and Gram Sabhas.

- g. The FRCs and Gram Sabhas can then consider the evidence from these maps and lists, together with other evidences, while deciding these claims, including determining the area to be approved
- h. For identification of CFR areas, State Government of Odisha has piloted a process in the Mayurbhanj District by using GIS based technology with the help of the following information:
- Villages having Forest Land within its revenue boundary
 - Villages having no Forest Land within its revenue boundary
 - Villages located in fringe of Reserved Forests land coming under control of State Forest Department
 - Un-surveyed habitations may also be included
- i. Similar method may be adopted by other states based on various Government Records such as Census, 2011 Data, the State level Economic and Statistical surveys, Forest Survey of India, etc
- j. The State Governments can seek support from BISAG, Dept. of Science and Technology, Government of Gujarat and National Resource Centre, Tribal Research Institute, Bhubaneswar for training of officials, FRCs and community volunteers with respect to use of technology. States can also seek support from the State Remote Sensing Centres for this process.
- k. Since maps or geo referenced images can be procured easily and freely/ or at nominal cost, the State Governments need to proactively take up this activity and complete the process of assessment and review of rejected claims in light of the use of technology within a period of two months.

7. These issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully



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Sl. No.	District	No. of CD Block	No. of Inhabited Villages/ Habitations	No. of Un-inhabited Villages	No. of Unsurveyed Habitations	Total Number of Villages having forestland within its revenue boundary
1	ANGUL	8	1661	242	9	1395
2	BALESWAR	12	2587	362	1	613
3	BARGARH	12	1180	20	7	887
4	BHADRAK	7	1243	68	0	421
5	BOLANGIR	14	1764	30	1	1425
6	BOUDA	3	1115	67	9	909
7	CUTTACK	14	1856	94	0	753
8	DEOGARH	3	711	162	12	687
9	DHENKANAL	8	1076	139	17	858
10	GAJAPATI	7	1512	57	54	1371
11	GANJAM	22	2812	372	53	1388
12	JAGSINGHPUR	8	1227	61	1	275
13	JAJPUR	10	1575	200	0	352
14	JHARSUGUDA	5	346	2	5	320
15	KALAHANDI	13	2099	135	16	1771
16	KANDHAMAL	12	2379	161	35	2388
17	KENDRAPADA	9	1407	133	0	346
18	KEONJHAR	13	2069	42	38	1791
19	KHORDHA	10	1358	188	4	339
20	KORAPUT	14	1922	79	83	1535
21	MALKANGIRI	7	979	21	112	958
22	MAYURBHANJ	26	3748	188	24	3051
23	NAWARANGPUR	10	876	25	9	750
24	NAYAGARH	8	1531	164	3	1239
25	NUAPARHA	5	648	15	7	607
26	PURI	11	1591	121	1	256
27	RAYAGARHA	11	2467	195	33	2125
28	SAMBALPUR	9	1233	80	7	1173
29	SONEPUR	6	829	130	0	588
30	SUNDARGARH	17	1723	36	46	1632
TOTAL=		314	47524	3589	587	32153