

GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA  
REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

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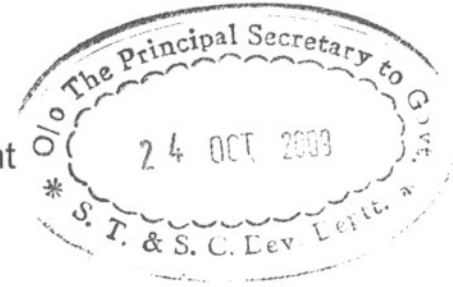
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From :

Shri R.K. Sharma, IAS  
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government

To

All Collectors.



Sub: Grant of Titles to ST persons under RFR Act, 2006.

Sir/Madam,

This is to say that during video conference to review the progress of grant of Forest Rights to eligible persons held on 21.10.09, a number of Collectors and DFOs have stated that they are awaiting stage 2 clearance in respect of pre – 1980 encroachment cases for which stage 1 clearance has been granted by the Government of India.

It may be noted that for the eligible cases under RFR Act, 2006 i.e., cases of possession of forest land by ST persons prior to 13.12.05, there is no necessity of waiting for stage 2 clearance any more. It has been clarified in the video conference that titles may be issued in all such eligible cases under the RFR Act, 2006 and not under the special dispensation of Forest Conservation Act. Since the maps and supporting documents for all such cases are readily available, these cases may be granted forest titles on priority basis.

You are instructed to take steps accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government

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Copy submitted to Principal Secretary to Government, ST & SC Development Department for kind information.

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