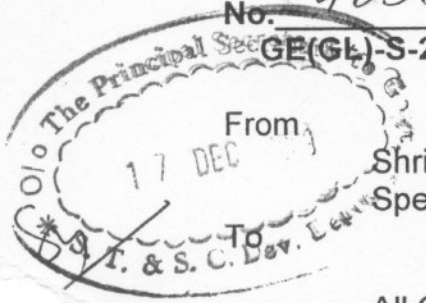


Government of Orissa
Revenue & Disaster Management Department

No. 48387 /R&DM,
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Dated the 15th December, 2009



From
Shri B. N. Das
Special Secretary to Government

All Collectors.

Sub: **Grant of titles to ST persons under ST & OTFD (RFR) Act, 2006.**

Madam / Sir,

I am directed to say that vide this Department letter No. 40938 dated 23.10.2009, instructions have been issued to take necessary steps for issuing titles under The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 in favour of the eligible pre-1980 ST encroachers whose cases have already been processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for regularization, without waiting for stage-II clearance by Government of India, MoEF.

However, during the last review (through video conferencing) on 9.12.2009 on progress of grant of forest rights under RFR Act, 2006, it has come to the notice of this Department that some field level revenue / forest functionaries have not acted upon the aforesaid instructions till date. In fact, it has been clarified in the video conference held on 21.10.2009 that titles may be issued in all such eligible cases of ST population under RFR Act, 2006 and without waiting for regularization of pre-1980 encroachments under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

In this connection, the Forest & Environment Department in its letter No.19902 dtd.25.11.2009 has also advised the PCCF, Orissa in the same line. A copy of the letter is enclosed for reference.

Since Government of India as well as the State Government are attaching utmost importance to distribution of titles in favour of all eligible claimants under RFR Act, 2006 within a specific time, you are requested to give personal attention to the matter and ensure issuance of titles to all such eligible ST persons under RFR Act, 2006 irrespective of the fact that their cases have been processed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Progress made in this regard may please be intimated to ST&SC Development Department as well as to this Department from time to time.

Yours faithfully,


Special Secretary to Government
15.12.09

Memo No. 48388 / R&DM, dated 15th December, 2009.

Copy forwarded to Principal Secretary to Government, ST&SC Development Department / Forest & Environment Department for information and necessary action with reference to Forest & Environment Department Memo No.19903/dtd.25.11.2009.


Special Secretary to Government
15.12.09