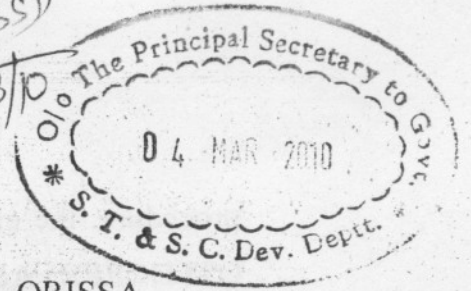


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Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 25th February, 2010.

From:

S.C. Mohanty,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa.

To

All Divisional Forest Officers (T/WL)

Sub:-

Implementation of the Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 – recognition of forest rights over the claims made in respect of the forest land under the control of the Forest Department.

Government in S.T. & S.C. Development have brought to our notice that claim petitions involving forest land other than Revenue forests have not been disposed of in any significant number by the SDLCs and DLCs under the ST & OTFD (RFR) Act/ Rules. You are required to see pro-actively that such claims for title over forest land and community rights in respect of Reserve Forests, DPFs, PRFs and other notified forest areas are expeditiously dealt with at all levels.

Besides, regularization of pre-1980 eligible category of forest encroachments which are dealt with under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 includes the cases of people belonging to both tribal and non-tribal groups. These pre-25.10.80 forest encroachments ~~existing~~ can be processed for regularization under the procedure laid down under F.C. Act. Under this

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procedure, the claims of non-tribals which cannot be settled under the ST & OTFD (RFR) Act, 2006 may be taken up. All such cases which have already been approved under the F.C. Act can be settled in favour of the eligible claimants, subject to compliance of the stipulations made by MoEF, Govt. of India in their final approval order in this respect.

The DFOs and the ACFs are required to play their assigned role in facilitating disposal of claim petitions filed under the Forest Rights Act in respect of all categories of forest lands; and also in taking up appropriately the cases of non-tribal claimants who may be eligible pre-1980 encroachers in terms of the provisions under the F.C. Act.

S. C. Mohanty
Principal CCF, Orissa. 25.2.10

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