

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
ST & SC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

No . **5641** /SSD Dated, Bhubaneswar the, . **16th March, 2017**
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From,

Shri R. Raghu Prasad, IFS.
Director (ST) -cum -Ex-Officio Spl. Secretary.

To

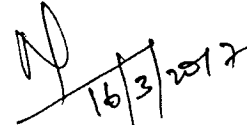
1. Shri Balabhadra Majhi, Hon'ble M.L.A., Lanjigarh.
Quarter No. F-6/2, MLA Colony, Unit-IV, BBSR.
2. Shri Dambaru Sisa, Hon'ble M.L.A., Chitrakonda.
Quarter No. DS-8/1, MLA Colony, Unit-IV, BBSR.
3. Sri Jogesh Kumar Singh, Hon'ble M.L.A., Sundergarh
Quarter No. DS-9/1, MLA Colony, Unit-IV, BBSR.

Sub:- Proceedings of the 9th State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) meeting on implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 held under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary on 07.03.2017 in the 2nd floor Conference Hall of the Secretariat building.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith the copy of the proceedings of the 9th State Level Monitoring Committee meeting on implementation of the STs and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 held under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary on 07.03.2017 at 12.30 P.M. in 2nd floor Conference Hall of the Secretariat building for kind information.

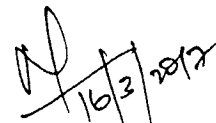
Yours faithfully,



Director (ST) -cum -Ex-Officio Spl. Secretary.

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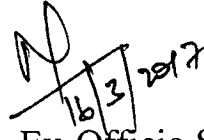
Copy along with copy of the proceedings of the 9th SLMC committee meeting forwarded to the Principal Secretary to Govt., Forest & Environment Deptt. / Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue & D.M. Deptt./ Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt., Panchayati Raj Deptt./ Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for kind information and necessary action.



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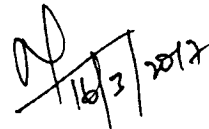
Copy along with copy of the proceedings of the 9th SLMC committee meeting sent to P.S. to Chief Secretary, Odisha/ P.S. to Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt., ST & SC Development Department/ P.S. to Director (ST)-cum-Addl. Secretary to Govt., SSD Department for kind information of the Authorities respectively.

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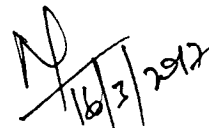
Copy along with copy of the proceedings of the 9th SLMC sent to all Collectors-cum-Chairpersons of DLCs on implementation of FRA for information and necessary action.

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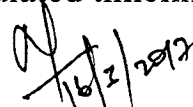
Copy along with copy of the proceedings of the 9th SLMC sent to all R.D.C.s for kind information and necessary action.

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Copy along with copy of the proceedings of the 9th SLMC sent to all Nodal Officers under FRA (9 nos. of PA,ITDAs and 21 nos. of DWOs) for information and necessary action. They are requested to take necessary steps for compliance of the minutes contained in the proceedings by the stipulated timeline.

16/3/2017

Director (ST) -cum -Ex-Officio Spl. Secretary.

**Proceedings of the 9th State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) on Implementation
of the Forest Rights Act & Rules held on 07.03.2017**

The 9th State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) on implementation of the Scheduled Tribes & other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 was held on 07.03.2017 at 12.30 PM in the 2nd Floor Conference Hall of the Secretariat under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Odisha. The list of the members present is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

The Commissioner-cum-Secretary, ST&SC Development Department welcomed all members and thereafter the Director (ST)-cum-Special Secretary initiated the discussions agenda wise.

1. The proceedings of the 8th SLMC meeting held on 21.07.2015 communicated to all members vide letter No.15503/SSD dt.03.08.2015 and No.18602/SSD dt.19.09.2015 of the ST & SC Development Department was approved.
2. Action taken reports on the decisions of the 8th SLMC and the progress of implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 (FRA) were discussed in detail.
3. The Committee observed that 59,249 Individual claims and 5,474 Community Claims are pending at the Gram Sabha, SDLC and DLC levels for disposal. Majority of the individual forest rights claims are pending in Sundergarh (15,085), Rayagada (11,131), Mayurbhanj (10,128), Koraput (4,238), Nuapada (4,068), Sambalpur (3,768), Malkangiri (2886) and Bolangir (1179) districts. It was decided that the Collector cum Chairpersons of these districts should ensure disposal of the pending claims by 31.07.2017.

It was informed that Sundargarh district had earlier over-reported the number of claims received at the Gram Sabha level. Accordingly on scrutiny of the claims received in Sundergarh district it was observed that, instead of 40,311 claims actually received, the claims were over-reported as 53,155. Hence this data will be rectified and reported to all concerned.

(Action: All Collectors / All Sub-Collectors & Nodal Officers on FRA. SSD Department)

4. So far 1,49,150 individual claims and 370 community claims have been rejected. The SSD Department had directed all District Collectors to treat the rejected claims as suo-moto appeals at SDLC and DLC levels and to communicate the cause of rejection to the claimants by respective authorities. So far 5,980 rejected claims have been communicated to the claimants; 5,543 appeals have been received by the SDLCs and 5,462 appeals have been disposed of. The SDLC observed that the concerned SDLC and DLC should take prompt steps to review the rejected cases and appeals and ensure its disposal by 31.12.2017.

(Action: All Collectors/ All Sub-Collectors & Nodal Officers on FRA)

5. The committee observed that there is an urgent need to demarcate the forest lands already vested with FRA beneficiaries. During the 8th SLMC meeting, date-lines were fixed for completion of these activities. Further during the last Tribes Advisory Council (TAC) meeting held on 17.05.2015 and in the Collectors Conference held during June, 2016, this matter was highlighted and all districts were asked to ensure demarcation of the forest lands vested under FRA.

So far out of 4,03,760 individual Forest Rights distributed, only 1,79,105 have been demarcated, which constitute about 44% only. The Committee observed that the R&DM and the F&E Department should draw up action plans for completion of the demarcation process in respect of all the FRA titles distributed. If required, funds for hiring of retired Amins for completion of the demarcations could be provided by the ST&SC Development Department based on the proposals submitted by R&DM and the F&E Department.

(Action: R&DM Department/

F&E Department /All Collectors)

6. Incorporation of the Forest Rights vested with the claimants in Government records and correction of Maps is mandated as per the Forest Rights Rules. So far, out of 4,09,651 titles distributed, correction of RoRs and Maps have been completed for 45,233 titles. The R&DM and F&E Department were requested to follow-up and expedite the process

correction of RoRs and maps. The Committee decided that this process should be completed by December, 2017.

(Action: R & DM Department/ F & E Department /All Collectors)

7. In order to enhance the productivity of lands distributed under FRA and also to improve the livelihoods of the FRA beneficiaries, various government schemes should be converged. The ST&SC Development Department had communicated a comprehensive guidelines to all District Collectors & Nodal Officers for developing a Convergence Plan for supporting FRA beneficiaries. So far 2,30,838 title holders have been covered under various government schemes. Under the convergence plan various departments including Forest & Environment, Revenue & Disaster Management, Rural Development, Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Panchayati Raj and Fisheries & Animal Resources Development were requested extend different social security and livelihood schemes to FRA beneficiaries.

Various schemes including MGNREGS, National Horticulture Mission, Agriculture, Bamboo Mission, IAY, NRLM, SCA to TSP, Conservation cum Development Plan etc can be converged for taking up Land Development, creating irrigation potential, horticulture, farm forestry, bamboo and NTFP value addition activities.

During the discussions, it was observed that many of the beneficiaries who have been issued individual rights under the Forest Rights Act are currently, not being considered eligible for various Government social security and livelihood schemes. Further the FRA titles holders are also not getting entitled for selling of paddy through the procurement process. Accordingly it has been decided that the beneficiaries of individual title holders under Forest Rights Act, 2006 shall be considered eligible for availing various social security and livelihood schemes. Accordingly R&DM Department should issue necessary instructions to all Departments to consider the FRA beneficiaries under various Government schemes

(Action: All concerned Departments/ All RDCs/ All Collectors.)

8. Forest Rights Act provides for conversion of all forest villages, old habitations, un-surveyed villages and other habitations located in forest lands into revenue villages. There are 22 Forest Villages under the records of the F&E Department. In many forest villages, the right holders have been issued individual titles. However, the conversion of these Forest villages into Revenue Villages is still pending.

Further the R&DM Department is to take up detailed survey and settlement of un-surveyed villages and old habitations where FRA titles have been issued and convert these into revenue villages.

(Action: R & DM Department/ F&E Department/ All Collectors)

9. FRA recognises community rights and rights to protect and manage Community Forest Resources within traditional or customary boundaries of the village. So far 13,433 community rights and community forest resources rights claims have been received 5,891 claims have been distributed over an area of 2.87 lakh acres. The Committee observed that the respective District Collectors may be directed to dispose of all pending Community claims by June 2017.

(Action: All Collectors/ All DFOs/ All district level Nodal Officers on FRA)

10. The committee also stressed the need to maintain a detailed database on implementation of FRA in their respective district website so as to facilitate easy access by all stakeholders.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

These minutes have the approval of the Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman, SLMC.


16/3/17
Commissioner-cum-Secretary
ST & SC Dev. Deptt.

ATTENDANCE SHEET

Sl. No	Name of the Member / Participant	Designation / Department
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	Sri A. P. Padhi	Chief Secretary cum Chairperson, SLMC
2	Sri Dambaru Sisa	Hon'ble MLA-Chitrakonda.
3	Smt. Mona Sharma	Principal Secretary, R & DM Department.
4	Sri Surendra Kumar	Commissioner-cum-Secy., SSD Department
5	Sri S. S. Srivastava	P.C. C.F. Odisha
6	Sri D. Biswal	Spl. Secy. Forest & Env. Department
7	Sri R. Raghu Prasad	Director(ST) & Ex-Officio Spl. Secy., SSD
8	Sri H. K. Padhi.	Director, Panchayati Raj, PR Department, Odisha