

Proceedings of the 7th State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC)
Meeting held on 27th June, 2013 at 11 A.M.

The 7th State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) Meeting on implementation of the Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 & Amendment Rules, 2012 was held on 27.06.2013 at 11 A.M. in the 3rd Floor Conference Hall of the Secretariat under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Odisha. The list of members present is enclosed at **Annexure I**.

2. Initiating the discussion, the Chairperson desired to know the progress made so far in respect of the implementation of the Act and recently amended Rules. The progress made so far was placed before the Committee. While appreciating the encouraging progress made in settling 3,34,826 number of Individual Claims and 2983 number of Community Rights as on 31.05.2013, the Committee gave thrust on settlement of Community Forest Rights and Community Forest Resource Rights. Thereafter, detailed discussion was made agenda wise and the following decisions were taken:

3. I. The PCCF assured that detailed guideline for reflecting Individual and Community Rights in the Permanent Register maintained by DFOs is under preparation and will be issued by end of July. It was suggested that the sketch map accompanying the titles should have a scale where the shape and size of the land is properly reflected.

(Action:- F & E Deptt.)

II. Chairperson during his visit to some of the districts has observed that Forest Rights Titles are being given with GPS coordinates without a map. It was decided that it will be mandatory for the DLCs to ensure that the title issued to the Forest Rights holders should be accompanied with sketch map.

(Action:- All Collectors)

III. It was decided that the Irrigation source created for Forest Rights Title Holders through convergence will be monitored separately. District Administration will take initiative to create different irrigation sources like Dug Well, Deep Bore Well, Farm Ponds and Check Dam as well as Diversion Weir etc., for the title holders. Panchayati Raj Department will issue suitable instruction in this regard to maximise creation of irrigation potential from NREGA.

(Action:- Panchayati Raj Deptt., All Collectors)

IV. It was stated that till the end of May, 2013, 42434 nos. of title holders out of 3,16,425 nos. have been covered under MGNREGA. Decision was taken to instruct all District Collectors to cover more Forest Rights title holders under MGNREGA.

(Action:- P.R Deptt./ All Collectors)

V. It was decided that the Collector, Kandhamal, Mayurbhanj and Sundergarh will be requested to prepare model land development plan i.e. requirement of man days for land development per one acre of land, so that this will be adopted uniformly for land development works in all districts

(Action:- Panchayati Raj Deptt.)

VI. It was observed by the SLMC that in a number of districts the DLC meeting is not held regularly. It was decided that the PA, ITDAs and DWOs being the convenor of the DLCs will ensure to convene the DLCs regularly once in every two months.

(Action:- All PA, ITDAs & DWOs)

VII. The PCCF suggested that initiative taken in Kalahandi for facilitating development of Micro Plan by the Community in cases where Community Forest Resource Rights has been settled could be replicated elsewhere. PCCF was requested to share the template for development of Micro Plan as well as training module for the orientation of the community regarding preparation of Micro Plan.

(Action:- PCCF)

VIII. Dr. Prafulla Majhi, Hon'ble M.L.A., member of the committee raised the issue of settlement of Forest Rights in favour of OTFDs in fraudulent manner in few pockets of Sundergarh District and it was revealed by the Commissioner-cum-Secretary ST & SC Development Department that the fact has been corroborated by the report of the Collector, where Collector has suggested for cancellation of five nos. of titles of OTFDs of village Darlipali. It was decided by the SLMC to cancel such titles immediately and initiate action against the erring official involved in the process. All the titles issued in favour of OTFDs in all the Districts of the State should be checked thoroughly and the process needs to be completed by the end of September, 2013. Wherever compensation amount has been received by such OTFDs on account of holding individual rights in forest land through fraudulent means, action should be initiated for recovery of the land acquisition compensation.

(Action: - All Collectors including Sundergarh)

IX. Honourable Member Dr. Prafulla Majhi stated that awareness programme on Amended Rules, 2012 on FRA has not properly been done in all Gram Panchayats of Sundergarh District. It was decided that Collector, Sundergarh be requested for taking steps for generation of awareness in all the blocks including GPs within 31st July, 2013.

(Action:- Collector, Sundergarh)

X. It was decided by the SLMC that efforts will be made to collect the claim applications under Community Forest Rights and Community Forest Resource Rights before 31st August, 2013 and the finalization be made before 30th November, 2013. The time line should be strictly adhered to.

(Action: - All Collectors)

The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair



Chief Secretary