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**Proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC)  
meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 at 4.00 PM.**

The 5<sup>th</sup> State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) meeting on implementation of the STs & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 & Rules, 2007 was held on 24.10.2011 at 4.00 PM in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Hall of the Secretariat under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Odisha. The list of members present is given at Annexure-I.

2. At the outset the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, ST & SC Dev. Deptt. presented the progress on the implementation of the STs & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 & Rules, 2007 as on 30.09.2011 before the Committee.

3. The Committee was informed about the encouraging progress made in settling of Individual Claims relating to Forest Rights in Odisha as compared to other states & Odisha has occupied the 1<sup>st</sup> position in recognizing 297409 nos. of forest Rights under individual claims and less nos. of claims rejected and in distributing highest percent of titles against the claims received.

4. After detailed deliberations the following decisions were taken.

4. (i) The issue of dropping the encroachment cases booked against Forest Rights title-holders was discussed in detail. In this regard, it was decided that WEO, Range Officer and Tahasildar concerned have to reconcile the list of forest Rights title holders with the list of pre-80 encroachment cases taken for regularization under the provision of Forest Conservation Act; all such cases need to be dropped as decided also in the 4th SLMC meeting. This exercise should be completed within a span of two months.

**(Action: All Collectors/DFOs)**

4. (ii) There is no clear guideline in forest rights act regarding conversion of forest villages/un-surveyed villages, old habitation and other villages in forest into revenue villages.

In this regard MOTA may be referred for issuance of specific guideline

**(Action: ST & SC Dev. Deptt.)**

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4. (iii) Draft guidelines for facilitating grant of community rights over forest and management of community forest resources under the provision of Forest Rights Act, 2006 as submitted by Forest & Environment Department was placed before the committee. It was decided to move the MOTA along with a recommendation to recognize the JFM & CFM initiatives continuing in tribal areas/ forest areas & make an explicit reference in the title deeds of CFR under the STs & OTFD (RFR) Act, 2006 & Rules, 2007.

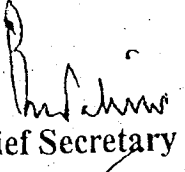
**(Action: ST & SC Dev. Deptt.)**

4. (iv) It has been observed from the convergence table that forest rights title-holders of districts like Mayurbhanj, Deogarh, Keonjhar, Sambalpur, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Kalahandi, Nawarangpur & Rayagada are not covered adequately under different Govt. Schemes. Collectors may take steps to expedite cent-percent coverage of forest rights title-holders under different Govt. Schemes. Emphasis should be given particularly on land-based schemes.

**(Action: All Collectors)**

4. (v) Hon'ble MLA, Smt. Sarojini Hembram raised the question regarding non-inclusion of 50 Mankirdia families who are residing outside the project area of Hill Kharia & Mankirdia Development Agency, Jashipur & are being deprived of the benefits from different Govt. Schemes. In this regard, it was clarified that those families could be covered under the schemes of ITDA, Karanjia.

**(Action: Collector, Mayurbhanj/ PA, ITDA, Karanjia)**

  
Chief Secretary

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1	Sri B.K.Pattnaik, IAS Chief Secretary, Odisha
2	Smt. Sarojini Hembrum Hon'ble MLA, Bangiriposi
3	Sri R.N.Senapati, IAS Dev. Commissioner-cum-ACS, Odisha
4	Sri Aurobindo Behera, IAS Principal Secretary to Govt., F & E Deptt.
5	Sri P.N.Padhi, IFS PCCF, Odisha
6	Sri R.K.Sharma, IAS Commissioner-cum-Secretary, R & DM Deptt.
7	Sri S.K.Sarangi, IAS Commissioner-cum-Secretary, ST & SC Dev. Deptt.
8	Sri B.P.Singh, IFS Spl. Secy. to Govt. F & E Deptt.
9	Sri R.N.Reddy, IFS CCF (Nodal), Odisha