

**NOTE SHEET**

1. During the last Video Conference held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 it was ascertained that District Level Committees ( DLCs ) are not considering claim petitions relating to all types of Forest Land. As per **Section 2 (d) of the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006**, "Forest land" is defined as follows: -  
**"Forest Land means land of any description falling within any forest area and includes unclassified forests, undemarcated forests, existing or deemed forests, protected forests, reserved forests and National Parks"**.
2. It is understood that most of the claims approved by the District Level Committee are relating to **Revenue Forest Land**.
3. **DFOs may , therefore , be advised to process pro-actively claims relating to Reserved Forests, Protected Forests and National Parks under the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.**
4. It is understood that Reserved Forest Gazette notifications and Forest Working / Management Plans also recognize individual and community rights in many cases. **DFOs may be advised to pro-actively share the above information with Collector ( Chairperson of DLC), Sub-Collector ( Chairperson of SDLC), Gram Sabhas and FRCs so that these claims can be processed under the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 early.**

I would request you to examine it and advise DFOs accordingly

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