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All Collectors-cum-Chairperson of DLCs on FRA.

Sub.:-Effective implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006.

Ref.:- (i) D.O. letter No.1386/SSD dated 20.01.2020 of the Chief Secretary, Odisha addressed to all Collectors.

 (ii) This Department's letters bearing No.20028/SSD dated 20.11.2019 and No.20393/SSD dated 25.11.2019 addressed to all Collectors.

Implementation of the Forest Rights Act is one of the flagship programs of the Government and accordingly instructions have been issued to ensure coverage of all the FRA title holders under different schemes and programs of the Government and also for correction of RoRs in respect of the forest lands vested with the claimants. Besides, compliance of the Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India passed in Writ Petition (C) No.109/2008 as regard review & disposal of the rejected claims is also an important task to be achieved within the timeline submitted in the compliance affidavit filed by the Chief Secretary, Odisha. Despite issue of several instructions on these matters & repeated discussions in the VCs, it is observed that the progresses made in these regards are not at all satisfactory.

I would therefore, once again request you to look into the matter personally and ensure achievements of the followings on priority:

- a. Review and disposal of all the rejected IFR claims at the SDLC and DLC level by following the statutory Rules (Rule 12 A of the amended FRA Rules, 2012).
- b. Correction of RoRs in respect of all the FRA titles vested with the claimants by the Tahasildars concerned.
- c. Coverage of all the FRA title holders under different schemes and programs of the Government by adopting convergence mode as communicated vide this Department letter No.7057/SSD dated 12.04.2016. This may please be treated as **MOST URGENT**.

Yours faithfully,

(Ranjana Chopra)

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