

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
ST & SC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

No. 5329 / SSD, Bhubaneswar Date 04.03.2021
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From

Smt. Guha Poonam Tapas Kumar, IAS
Director, ST

To

All Collectors cum Chairperson of DLCs on FRA

Sub :- Submission of progress on status of forest villages, un-surveyed villages and old habitations etc. identified for conversion into revenue villages as per the provisions contained under Section 3 (1) (h) of the Forest Rights Act – 2006.

Ref.:- (i) This Department's Letter No. 36824 /SSD dated 16.11.2013, Memo No. 13864 / SSD dated 08.05.2014 and Memo No. 10819/SSD dated 16.06.2016.
(ii) R & DM Department's letter No. 3831 / Revenue & DM dated 02.02.2017.

Madam / Sir,

In inviting reference to the letters cited above, I am to state that the Schedule Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights Act) 2006, recognize and vest the rights of settlement and conversion of all forest villages, old habitation, un-surveyed villages in forest, whether recorded, notified or not into revenue villages under Section 3(1)(h) of the Forest Rights Act,2006. To facilitate proper identification, district-wise data of such settlements/ habitations numbering about 589, as derived from the 2001 Census, have already been shared with all the districts vide this Department's Memo dated 08.05.2014. The Revenue and D. M. Department vide its letter dt. 02.02.2017 has also issued guidelines detailing the process to be adopted for conversion of forest villages etc. into Revenue villages. But the information received from the district level Nodal Officer on FRA through the MPRs indicates very poor progress in majority of the districts. DC-cum-ACS, Odisha had expressed his serious concern in this matter in course of the review meeting held on 18.02.2021 and has directed to obtain detail information on status and progress made in this concern.

I would therefore, request you to furnish information indicating the progress made for conversion of such forest villages, old habitation, un-surveyed villages etc into Revenue villages in the format attached herein as **Annexure-1** through email: stscfra@gmail.com and rajkdbsr@gmail.com by 08.03.2021 positively for needful action at this end.

This may please be treated as **URGENT**.

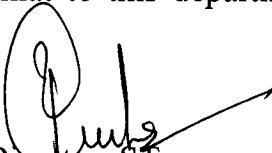
Yours faithfully


Director, ST

4/3/2021

Memo No. 5330 /SSD dated . 04.03.2021

Copy along with enclosures submitted to all Nodal officers on FRA (9 PA,ITDAs and 21 DWOs) for information and necessary action. They are requested to ensure submission of the requisite information in the prescribe format to this department by 08.03.2021 positively through e-mail.



Director, ST

Memo No. 5331 /SSD dated . 04.03.2021

Copy along with enclosures submitted to all RDCs/ Additional Secretary, Rev. & D.M. Department / Forest & Env. Department / P.R. & D.W. Department for information and necessary action.



Director, ST

