

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
ST & SC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

No. 5332 / SSD, Bhubaneswar
STSCD-FRA-CASE1-0001-2016

Date 04.03.2021

From

Smt. Guha Poonam Tapas Kumar, IAS
Director, ST

To

The Collector & Chairperson, DLCs on FRA
Anugul/ Bolangir/ Balasore/ Malkangiri/ Boudh/ Sundargarh/
Keonjhar/ Gajapati/ Jajpur/ Cuttack/ Jharsuguda/ Kandhamal/
Kendrapada/ Khurda/ Nuapada/ Puri/ Subarnapur/ Sambalpur/
Deogarh/ Mayurbhanj/ Bargarh.

Sub: - Review of rejected Individual Forest Rights (IFR) claims under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 in compliance to the affidavit filed in the Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (C) No. 109/2008.

Ref :- This Department's letter No. 7984/SSD dt.29.04.2019 No.13581/SSD dt.08.08.2019 & D.O. letter No. 1386/ SSD dated 20.01.2020 of the Chief Secretary, Odisha addressed to all Collectors.

Madam/ Sir,

You are aware that the Chief Secretary, Odisha has filed a compliance affidavit in the Supreme Court of India in WP(C) No.109/2008 (Wildlife First & Others Vrs Union of India & Others) on 05.07.2019 wherein submission has been made for completion of review & disposal of all pending rejected IFR claims (1,27,620 IFR claims) under FRA within 9 months and the same has expired during March,2020. But the review & disposal of those IFR claims in majority of the districts have not been completed. DC cum ACS, Odisha while reviewing the implementation of FRA on 18.02.2021 has expressed his deep concern over the matter and has directed to identify the reasons of non-adherence of the instructions of the government by the Collectors concerned conveyed vide letters referred above and call for the details of the action plan as well as the time line for completion of the process of disposal of rejected IFR claims. District wise pendency data, as on 31.12.2020, is indicated in the statement attached as Annexure- I and it shows that 87,706 numbers of claims are still pending for review & final disposal by the DLCs concerned. It has also been decided that review of this matter would be taken up on fortnightly basis by this Department and its progress would be reported to the DC cum ACS for needful action at his end.

I would therefore, request you to consider the gravity of the matter and prompt action for disposal of the pendency shown against your district may immediately be taken up and compliance be reported to this department. Besides it, as pointed out above, reasons of non-adherence of the instructions of the government conveyed earlier along with action plan & time line for its completion needs to be submitted to this department by 10.03.2021 positively through e-mail for needful consideration at this end.

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

Yours faithfully,


Director, ST

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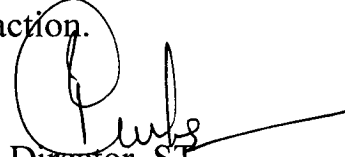
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Director, ST

Annexure-1**Statement indicating District-wise status of Rejected IFR claims pending for final disposal as on December, 2020**

Sl. No.	Name of the District	DLC rejection reported in Affidavit filed	No. of Claims to be Reviewed & Disposed as per Affidavit filed	Rejection made at DLC level out of fig. indicated in Col.4	Claims approved at the DLC level out of fig. indicated in Col.4	Total claims disposed (Col.5+6)	Finally DLC rejection (Col.3+5)	Balance claims pending for disposal at the DLC level (Col.4-7)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Balasore	518	1292	23	0	23	541	1269
2	Bhadrak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Cuttack	0	3233	757	0	757	757	2476
4	Jagatsinghpur	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
5	Jajpur	0	2971	0	0	0	0	2971
6	Kendrapara	0	2928	2545	0	2545	2545	383
7	Khurda	0	1242	0	0	0	0	1242
8	Mayurbhanj	0	8636	7749	0	7749	7749	887
9	Nayagarh	106	0	0	0	0	106	0
10	Puri	0	1169	0	0	0	0	1169
11	Angul	676	4957	0	0	0	676	4957
12	Bargarh	2	1696	1630	26	1656	1632	40
13	Bolangir	3294	1412	676	0	676	3970	736
14	Deogarh	0	5810	0	0	0	0	5810
15	Dhenkanal	0	1497	839	658	1497	839	0
16	Jharsuguda	0	6604	0	0	0	0	6604
17	Keonjhar	0	15274	0	0	0	0	15274
18	Sambalpur	0	14908	5303	0	5303	5303	9605
19	Subarnapur	624	542	0	0	0	624	542
20	Sundargarh	959	15838	0	0	0	959	15838
21	Boudh	120	1465	0	0	0	120	1465
22	Gajapati	0	16516	14740	0	14740	14740	1776
23	Ganjam	6313	0	0	0	0	6313	0
24	Kalahandi	658	0	0	0	0	658	0
25	Kandhamal	0	2428	9	0	9	9	2419
26	Koraput	0	2587	2587	0	2587	2587	0
27	Malkangiri	579	2400	0	0	0	579	2400
28	Nawapara	0	12215	2372	0	2372	2372	9843
29	Nawarangpur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	Rayagada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	13851	127620	39230	684	39914	53081	87706