

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**ST & SC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

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No. 24952 /SSD, Bhubaneswar Dated 24.12.2021  
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From

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Officer on Special Duty

To,

The PA, ITDAs, Baripada/ Keonjhar/ Sundargarh/ Nabarangpur/  
Phulbani/ Paralakhemundi/ Koraput/ Malkangiri/ Rayagada.  
The DWOs, Balasore/ Deogarh.

**Sub.:- Proceedings of the review cum training programme of the  
personnel engaged in the Forest Rights Cells held on 18.12.2021  
through virtual mode.**

Madam/ Sir,

In inviting reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to send herewith the proceedings of the review cum training programme of the personnel engaged in the Forest Rights Cells held under the Chairpersonship of Director, ST on 18.12.2021 at 3.00 P.M. through virtual mode for your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

  
Officer on Special Duty

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Copy along with copy of the enclosure forwarded to all Coordinators & Data Entry Operators engaged in the Forest Rights Cells of concerned Districts for information and necessary action.

  
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Copy along with copy of the enclosure forwarded to the Project Officer (FRA), UNDP, FRA Cell, SSD Department for information and necessary action.

  
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**Proceeding of the Review cum Training Programme held on 18.12.2021 at 03.00 P.M. on virtual mode under the chairpersonship of the Director, ST**

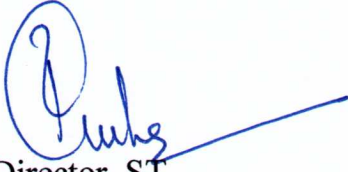
A Review cum Training Programme for the personnel engaged in the Forest Rights Cells was held under the Chairpersonship of Director-ST on 18.12.2021 through virtual mode, wherein OSD, PO,(UNDP), Section Officer and ASO, FRA Cell and the concerned Co-ordinators & DEOs of 145 FR Cells attended. In the meeting, following issues were discussed and decisions taken:

1. The matter of disposal of rejected IFR claims, being an important one due to the compliance affidavit filed in the Supreme Court of India in WP(C) No.109/2008, was reviewed in detail. Director, ST impressed upon all the FR Cell staffs emphasizing particularly the personnel of Deogarh and Sundargarh district to ensure expeditious disposal of the pending rejected claims and ensure submission of a compliance report by the end of each month to the Department. Coordinators of the FR Cell located in the Sub-Divisional HQr and District office to ensure it.
2. Director-ST raised serious concern over the high rate of pendency of claims particularly community right claims at different levels. Community claims and CFR claims approved at the DLC level should be distributed at the earliest possible and compliance be submitted to the Department by the district level Nodal Officers on FRA concerned by the end of December,2021.
3. Director, ST emphasized on the participants to ensure early disposal of all pending IFR titles and issuance of those in the joint names of both the spouses, as prescribed under the FRA, 2006. She also suggested for the proper lamination of the title deeds prior to its distribution.
4. Status of RoR corrections of the FRA titles vested with the claimants was also reviewed. Chairperson instructed all the FR Cell Coordinators to look into the matter on priority and ensure its progress by the Tahasildar concerned, as per the guidelines issued by the Revenue and DM Department. OSD, FRA Cell informed the house that, as per the estimate submitted by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department during the year 2018, sufficient funds were placed with the concerned districts to facilitate demarcation and RoR Corrections of titles issued under FRA. Chairperson instructed to prepare and share a format to capture the status of human resources hired at the Tahasil level on the basis of which, if required, matter could be taken up with R & DM Department.
5. Extending post claim and hand holding support to Title holders of forest rights is a mandate under Rule 16 of the FRA and a high priority area for the Government. Accordingly, detailed guidelines in this concern have also been circulated among

all the districts. It was decided that linkage of all the FRA title holders to be ensured in a time bound manner and they be provided the benefit of government schemes such as those relating to rural housing, land improvement, land productivity, plantations, basic amenities & other livelihood measures etc, which would help increase their income and also uplift their living standards.

6. Collection of correct contact numbers/mobile number of the title holders under FRA is a prime requirement, as implementation of FRA has now been included in the "Mo Sarkar" initiative of Government of Odisha. It was decided that all concerned districts & particularly the Coordinators of FR Cells will collect and furnish sanitized mobile numbers on weekly basis to the SSD Department for further reporting to concerned quarters.
7. Participants were intimated that ST and SC Department has gone into a MoU with PRADAN NGO to facilitate the right recognition process under FRA in 1200 villages of Blocks/ Tahasils following saturation approach in four districts namely, Kandhamal, Rayagada, Mayurbhanj and Kalahndi. In the process technology based tools will be used by the agency in land mapping (CFRR & IFR lands) and demarcation. However, the process required continuous inputs and monitoring. So it was decided that, henceforth FR Cell Coordinators of the respective Tahasils will certify the progress claims made by the PRADAN on monthly basis

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair and participants.



Director, ST