

F.No.23011/48/2015-FRA
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(FRA Division)

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Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi

Dated: 19th October, 2015

To

The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries,
LWE States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand,
Maharashtra, Odisha, Telengana, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West
Bengal.

Subject: Monthly Progress Report on the implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006 (FRA) in 106 LWE affected districts.

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 19.6.2015, vide which, a list of 35 worst LWE affected districts was sent to 7 LWE states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Odisha and Telengana and it was requested that the following information on the status of implementation of FRA in respect of the said districts be sent to this Ministry:-

- i) Total number of claims received,
- ii) Total number of titles distributed and extent of forest land for which titles distributed,
- iii) Total number of claims rejected,
- iv) Total number of claims disposed off,
- v) Disaggregated information on rejection of claims by categorizing it reason-wise for these districts and the steps taken for re-verification of rejecting claims and disposal of pending claims.

2. In response five State Governments of Jharkhand, Telengana, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Bihar sent the information/report as on 31.8.2015. On perusal of the information sent by the said five districts, it has been observed that the State Government of Jharkhand and Bihar has sent the number of claims, total number of titles distributed, total number of claims rejected, total number of claims disposed off etc. Disaggregated information on the status of the individual, community and CFR claims have, however, not been provided. The State Government of Odisha has not sent the reasons for rejection of claims. The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra has not sent the information/report. As such, requisite information/report as stated above, are required to be sent to this Ministry by the above mentioned states immediately.

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3. Now a list of 106 LWE affected districts is also sent herewith. It is requested that henceforth, the information, as mentioned in para 1 and para 2 above, may kindly be sent to this Ministry on monthly basis in respect of all the 106 districts.

4. Monthly Progress Report on the implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006 in 106 LWE affected districts as on 30.9.2015 may be sent to this Ministry urgently. As State Governments are aware, the status of implementation of FRA is being closely monitored by Ministry of Home Affairs, it may kindly be ensured that the above information reaches this Ministry by **21.10.2015**.

5. It is also requested that assessment of the number of potential claimants and assessment of potential area in which FRA could be conferred in the worst LWE affected districts may also be intimated.

Yours sincerely,



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List of 106 LWE affected Districts

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| S. No. | State | Number of Districts | Name of Districts |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 8 | Anantapur, East Godavari, Guntur, Kurnool, Prakasam, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam and Vizianagaram. |
| 2. | Bihar | 22 | Arwal, Aurangabad, Bhojpur, East Champaran, Gaya, Jamui, Jehanabad, Kaimur, Munger, Nalanda, Nawada, Patna, Rohtas, Sitamarhi, West Champaran, Muzaffarpur, Sheohar, Vaishali, Banka, Lakhisarai, Begusarai and Khagaria. |
| 3. | Chhattisgarh | 16 | Bastar, Bijapur, Dantewada, Jashpur, Kanker, Korea (Baikunthpur), Narayanpur, Rajnandgaon, Sarguja, Dhamtari, Mahasamund, Gariyaband Balod, Sukma, Kondagaon and Balrampur. |
| 4. | Jharkhand | 21 | Bokaro, Chatra, Dhanbad, East Singhbhum, Garhwa, Giridih, Gumla, Hazaribagh, Koderma, Latehar, Lohardagga, Palamu, Ranchi, Simdega, Saraikela-Kharaswan, West Singhbhum, Khunti, Ramgarh, Dumka, Deoghar and Pakur. |
| 5. | Madhya Pradesh | 1 | Balaghat |
| 6. | Maharashtra | 4 | Chandrapur, Gadchiroli, Gondia and Aheri |
| 7. | Odisha | 19 | Gajapati, Ganjam, Keonjhar, Koraput, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Navrangpur, Rayagada, Sambhalpur, Sundargarh, Nayagarh, Kondhamal, Deogarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Kalahandi, Nuapada, Bargarh and Bolangir |
| 8. | Telangana | 8 | Adilabad, Karimnagar, Khammam, Medak, Mehboobnagar, Nalgonda, Warangal and Nizamabad |
| 9. | Uttar Pradesh | 3 | Chandauli, Mirzapur and Sonebhadra |
| 10. | West Bengal | 4 | Bankura, West Medinipur, Purulia and Birbhum |
| Total | | 106 | |