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Dear . Ramakanth,

Kindly refer to my d.o. letter of even number dated 12/15 June, 2009 regarding implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

2. In reply to my letter, the Principal Secretary to the Government (D/W Social Welfare Department, vide his D.O. letter No.7073/LTR.1/2009 dated 22.6.2009, has informed that, as on 20.6.2009, the total claims received is 3,28,898 and so far the State Government had distributed 44,135 certificates. Further, the Chief Minister has issued directions to complete the entire process of consideration by the DLC and distribution of certificates of titles by the end of July, 2009. The State Government had earlier informed this Ministry that a total 3, 29,101 claims had been filed in the State. It is not clear as to how the number of claims filed in the State has come down from 3,29,101 to 3,28,898. This may be clarified.

3. We would request you to prioritise the implementation of the Forest Rights Act in those areas of your State that have been adversely affected by left wing extremism.

4. As you are aware, the Hon'ble President of India, in her Address to both the Houses of Parliament on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2009, has emphasized the need to ensure the distribution of title deeds to all the eligible claimants under the Act by end of December, 2009. The State Government, therefore, needs to accelerate the process of implementation of the Act so that the exercise of vesting of forest rights to all the eligible claimants could be completed within the given deadline.

5. I therefore, request you to kindly review the progress in this regard personally and ensure that the entire work relating to implementation of the Act is completed at the earliest. The Ministry may be informed of the progress/strategy that the State Government proposes to adopt for ensuring completion of the work within the deadline.

Yours sincerely,

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