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To

The Chief Secretaries of Schedule V States (vis. Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Odisha, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand).

Sub: Direction under Section 12 of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 (in short Forest Rights Act).

Sir,

A direction is being issued under Section 12 of the Forest Rights Act to the authorities prescribed in Chapter IV of the Act that recommendation of the Gram Sabha for settling rights over minor forest produce (both individual and community) should be just processed, not re-examined for quick acceptance.

2. Such a direction will be in tune with both the Forest Rights Act (Section 8(i) read with 3(1)(c)) and Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act 1996 (PESA) [Section 4(m)(ii)].

Yours faithfully,

(G.B. Mukherji)

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1. Cabinet Secretary, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Prime Minister's Office (Kind Attention: Shri S. Mitra, Joint Secretary) w.r.t. PMO ID No.560/51/C/5/2010 (Vol.II)-ES.II dated 6th July, 2010.

(This issues with the concurrence of the Ministry of Law, Department of Legal Affairs).

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