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From:

**Shri Ranglal Jamuda, IAS(Retd.),
Chairperson.**

To

All Collectors.

Sub: Request to accelerate the pace of implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006.

Madam/ Sir,

As you are well aware, the Secretary, Panchayati Raj Department in his letter No.9153/PR dt. 26.02.2008 had requested the Sarpanches of all the Gram Panchayats to conduct Gram Sabha meetings (in all potential villages) in 2 phases i.e. on 16.03.2008 and 23.03.2008. One of the task assigned to the Gram Sabhas was to constitute Forest Rights Committees (FRCs) pursuant to the provisions under the Forest Rights Act, 2006. As it appears, there are hundreds of villages where FRCs are yet to be constituted and therefore, the aforesaid communication issued by the Panchayati Raj Department (copy was also endorsed to all Collectors) has not been taken seriously. **It would be just and proper at this stage to impress upon all the concerned functionaries and more so, the District Welfare Officers and District Panchayat Officers to ensure the constitution of FRCs as early as possible.** During the field visits it has also been noticed that wherever the President and Secretary of the FRCs are not taking any interest, all important activities have already come to a grinding halt. Therefore, in all such instances, the concerned BDOs need to ensure the reconstitution of such dysfunctional FRCs.

2. From the functional FRCs in the State as many as 6,15,741 Individual Forest Right (IFR) claims received till February, 2019 have been submitted to the Sub Division Level Committees (SDLCs) for suitable action. Mean-while, following the due procedure, 4,27,889 certificates of titles have already been distributed, 11,015 certificates of titles are yet to be distributed despite the approvals accorded by concerned DLCs, 1,45,491 claims have already been rejected (although the communications on such rejections to the claimants have been issued only in a few cases) and no decision has yet been taken regarding the remaining 31,574 claims.

Relevant details for each district have been mentioned in a statement placed at Annexure-A.

3. Distribution of certificates of titles:

The DLCs have accorded approval in respect of 4,38,676 claims out of which the certificates of titles have been issued for 4,27,889 claims leaving a balance of 11,015 claims. This pending activity regarding ~~to~~ the distribution of certificates of titles substantially relate to 3 districts namely Rayagada (2,723), Sundargarh (2,594) and Mayurbhanj (1,453). **These 3 districts account for 6,770 certificates of titles representing 61.46% of the total pendency.** In your capacity as the Chairperson of the DLC, you need to ensure as early as possible for quick distribution of these certificates of titles among the IFR claimants. Needless to mention that approval of the DLC was accorded long back and this aspect has not been ensured as the DLC is not meeting in each quarter.

4. Demarcation of Land:

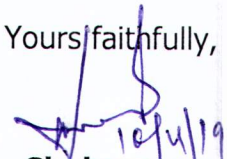
Though certificates of titles have been distributed to 4,27,889 title holders, actual demarcation of land has been completed only in respect of 3,01,812 cases. Demarcation of land is still pending for 1,26,079 cases and bulk of them relate to 5 districts namely Keonjhar(37,266), Nabarangpur(26,747), Koraput(17,481), Sundargarh(9,110) and Kandhamal(6,189). **These 5 districts account for 96,793 pending cases representing 76.77% of the total pendency.** Government in ST & SC Development Department have been providing financial assistance to outsource the services of retired R.Is/ Amins to ensure completion of the task quickly. But the progress continues to be very slow. It is therefore, suggested that you may assign the responsibility of monitoring the progress on weekly basis to your ADM who may apprise you regarding the progress from time to time. **However, in the revenue meeting being conducted by you in each month, this activity must be included in the agenda.**

5. RoR correction/ preparation:

Out of the certificates of titles already distributed, RoR correction/preparation have been completed in respect of 1,52,543 cases leaving a balance of 2,75,346 cases. **Unfortunately, in some important districts like Bolangir, Cuttack, Nabarangpur, Nayagarh and Sundargarh RoR correction has not been completed even for a single case.** Evidently, these aspects are not being monitored in the revenue meetings being conducted at your level. Out of the very large number of cases pending for RoR correction/ preparation, the bulk of the pendency (2,13,527) relate to 8 districts namely Keonjhar (54,334), Nabarangpur (40,776), Malkangiri (24,967), Koraput(23,865), Rayagada(22,357), Sundargarh (19,367), Gajapati(15,762) and Sambalpur (12,099). **These 8 districts account for 77.54% of the total pendency. You are, therefore, requested to monitor the progress more vigorously with the Tahasildars whose performance is not up to the mark so far.**

6. This analysis has been carried out only to impress upon you that there are very urgent and important activities for which you need to spare some quality time. With your active involvement it is expected that there could be significant improvement in the coming months. **You may report the progress achieved till the end of April, 2019 in the same format (as in Annexure-A) preferably by 15.05.2019.**

Yours faithfully,



10/4/19
Chairperson

Memo No. 808 FC., date. 10-4-19

Copy forwarded to the Chief Secretary, Odisha/ ACS, Forest and Environment Department/ Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue & D.M./ Principal Secretary to Government, Panchayati Raj & D.W. Department/ Secretary, ST & SC Development Department/ all RDCs (Southern Division, Northern Division & Central Division) for favour of information and necessary action.



Chairperson

Memo No. 809 FC., date. 10-4-19

Copy forwarded to the ACS to Chief Minister, Odisha for favour of information.



Chairperson

Memo No. 810 FC., date. 10-4-19

Copy forwarded to the Member Secretary, Odisha State Food Commission. She is requested to take follow-up action from time to time.



Chairperson

PROGRESS ACHIEVED ON I.F.R. CLAIMS (POSITION AS ON 28.02.2019)

Sl. No.	District	Claims received by FRC	Claims approved by DLC	Certificates of Titles distributed	Certificates of Titles pending for distribution	Titles for which land demarcated	Land demarcation still pending	RoR corrected	RoR pending for correction
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Angul	8,360	2,727	2,727	0	2,069	658	2,069	658
2	Balasore	4,812	3,002	2,604	398	2,604	0	1,060	1,544
3	Bargarh	3,314	1,097	1,097	0	240	857	217	880
4	Bhadrak	204	204	204	0	204	0	204	0
5	Bolangir	8,823	2,473	2,395	78	2,395	0	0	2,395
6	Boudh	3,499	1,914	1,914	0	1,739	175	1,739	175
7	Cuttack	5,923	1,837	1,712	125	0	1,712	0	1,712
8	Deogarh	13,919	7,368	7,368	0	3,547	3,821	767	6,601
9	Dhenkanal	12,600	8,201	8,115	86	8,115	0	1,594	6,521
10	Gajapati	52,461	35,876	35,138	738	34,471	667	19,376	15,762
11	Ganjam	12,957	5,751	5,979*	Doubtful	3,334	2,645	57	5,922
12	Jagatsinghpur	49	47	47	0	0	47	0	47
13	Jajpur	10,464	5,165	5,165	0	4,238	929	781	4,384
14	Jharsuguda	9,204	2,599	2,599	0	2,599	0	1,223	1,376
15	Kalahandi	11,758	10,934	10,614	320	10,614	0	4,376	6,238
16	Kandhamal	60,346	57,818	57,818	0	51,629	6,189	51,629	6,189
17	Kendrapara	4,055	315	315	0	305	10	254	61
18	Keonjhar	74,482	59,185	58,439	746	21,173	37,266	4,105	54,334
19	Khurda	3,629	985	985	0	787	198	0	985
20	Koraput	35,595	29,102	29,092	10	11,611	17,481	5,227	23,865
21	Malkangiri	39,349	36,081	35,616	465	32,430	3,186	10,649	24,967
22	Mayurbhanj	69,023	52,318	50,865	1,453	47,137	3,728	44,050	6,815
23	Nabarangpur	40,776	40,776	40,776	0	14,029	26,747	0	40,776
24	Nayagarh	4,302	3,868	3,868	0	893	2,975	0	3,868
25	Nuapada	23,257	7,132	6,438	694	2,288	4,150	1,218	5,220
26	Puri	1,169	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	Rayagada	25,325	25,325	22,602	2,723	19,987	2,615	245	22,357
28	Sambalpur	34,199	14,219	13,635	584	12,869	766	1,536	12,099
29	Subarnapur	1,576	396	395	1	248	147	167	228
30	Sundargarh	40,311	21,961	19,367	2,594	10,257	9,110	0	19,367
	Total	6,15,741	4,38,676	4,27,889	11,015	3,01,812	1,26,079	1,52,543	2,75,346

N.B: Figure with * mark is doubtful.