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[Govt to ensure forest rights Act implementation by 2009: Prez](#)

New Delhi, June 4 (PTI) President Pratibha Patil today said the new government will monitor implementation of forest rights Act to ensure that all title deeds are distributed under its provisions to the beneficiaries by the end of 2009.

"The implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act would be monitored to ensure that all title deeds are distributed by end of 2009," Patil said while addressing the joint session of both Houses of Parliament.

The Centre had brought in the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act in 2007 end to give forest rights, including forest land, to ST and traditional forest dwellers who have been residing in such areas for generations.

Last year, about 94,264 title deeds of forest land were distributed under the Act among the tribals and other forest dwellers, mostly in Chhattisgarh while many of the states including Andhra Pradesh could not implement the the Act due to legal wrangling.

According to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, a total of 1,02,800 title deeds have been distributed among beneficiaries in Chhattisgarh under provisions of the Act till April 30 this year. The state government, however, received about four lakh claims from individuals and communities for allocation of title deeds under provisions of the Act till April 30. PTI

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