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Ministry of Tribal Affairs

LAND TO FOREST DWELLERS

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Rajya Sabha

The State Governments of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh have established the prescribed structures and procedures under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. These States have received a large number of claims and have started distributing title deeds, but the processing of those claims culminating in the vesting of rights has been slow. The status of implementation of the Act in these States, as on date, is as follows:

S. No.	State	Total No. of claims	Title Deeds	
			Distributed	Ready for distribution
1.	Gujarat	1,63,075	1,997	26
2.	Maharashtra	2,45,284	15	1,384
3.	Madhya Pradesh	3,43,148	24,571	18,721

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has advised and is pursuing all the States to ensure completion of the work relating to vesting of forest rights during the current year.

This information was given by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs Dr. Tushar A. Chaudhary in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today.

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