

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF STATE LEVEL MONITORING
COMMITTEE (SLMC) HELD ON 22ND MAY 2010 AT 5.00 P.M.**

1. The State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) constituted vide ST & SC Dev. Deptt. Resolution No. 3439/SSD dt.27.01.2010 for implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and Rules framed there under met on 22.05.2010 at 5.00 P.M. in the 2nd Floor Conference Hall of the Secretariat under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Orissa. The list of members present is given at **Annexure-I.**

2. At the outset, Principal Secretary, ST & SC Dev. Deptt. placed the progress report on implementation of the Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and Rule,2007 as on 12.05.2010 before the Committee. He informed the Committee that all RDCs/Collectors have been requested for coverage of all villages through a Micro-Planning Approach under the Act / Rules in a time bound manner. He also informed that necessary logistic support i.e. TA/DA for proactive processing of claims under the Act have been provided to the Retd. R.I/Amins engaged contractually exclusively for this purpose. For creation of awareness on the important provisions of the Act / Rules, meetings/ workshops/ discussions for P.R.I. members, field level officers, NGO representatives and tribal youths have been organized in a phased manner from time to time. He also informed the Committee that fortnightly video conferences along with the representatives of Revenue & Disaster Management Deptt. and Forest & Environment Deptt. are also being held with RDCs and Collectors for sorting out field problems .

3. The Committee was also informed about the encouraging progress on recognition of individual claims relating to forest rights in Orissa as compared to other States and Orissa has taken second place in recognizing forest rights under individual claims. However, the performance under Community Rights is not very satisfactory as emphasis has been given on processing of individual claims till now.

4. Chief Secretary observed that officers including field functionaries of Revenue & Disaster Management Deptt. and Forest & Environment Deptt. have to show adequate concern to implement the law in letter and spirit and the field functionaries of these Departments should be pro-active. He called upon Revenue & Disaster Management Deptt. and Forest & Environment Deptt. to issue necessary instructions to the concerned field officers to take immediate action to finalise the claims already received by the Gram Sabha at an early date.

5. Smt. Sarojini Hembram, Hon'ble MLA brought to the notice of the Committee that Certificates of titles issued to Tribal people reflect wrongly spelt names, villages and other particulars. It was decided that all Collectors and RDCs should be instructed to rectify these mistakes.

6. After detailed deliberations, the following decision were taken:

6.1 Revenue & Disaster Management Deptt. may communicate detailed guidelines to Collectors without further delay for taking prompt action for incorporation of RORs of the forest land distributed to the STs & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers under FR Act, 2006 in revenue records. (**Action:- Revenue & Disaster Management Deptt.**)

6.2 The memorandums and allegations received from the field should be enquired into by Collectors within a fortnight. These

should be then placed before the concerned Gram Sabha and their resolutions on the matter may be sent to State Level Monitoring Committee for further action .

(Action:- ST & SC Dev. Deptt.)

6.3 Forest and Environment Department and Revenue & Disaster Management Deptt. should ensure settlement of all the pre-1980 encroachment cases and conversion of forest villages into Revenue Villages as approved by Govt. of India under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in favour of tribal people. The process should be completed within one month.

(Action:- Forest and Environment Deptt.)

6.4 District Level Committee shall ensure proper spelling and particulars of entries on certificate of titles distributed under Forest Rights Act. Connected maps/ trace maps shall be given along with Certificates of Titles without fail.

(Action: District Level Committees)

6.5 All Collectors should be instructed to process Community Claim cases on priority .Forest and Environment Department should take pro-active steps in the matter .

(Action: All Collectors , Forest and Environment Deptt.)

J. S. J.
(Chief Secretary)

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