

Proceedings of the 4th State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) held on 29th March, 2011 at 04.00 PM.

The 4th State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) on implementation of the Scheduled Tribes & other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of forest Rights) Act.2006 & Rules 2007 met on 29.0.2011 at 4.00 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, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, ST & SC Development Department presented the progress on implementation of the Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act. 2006 & Rules 2007 as on 28.02.2011 before the Committee.

3. The Committee was informed about the encouraging progress made in settling individual claims relating to Forest Rights in Orissa as compared to other States and Orissa has occupied 1st position 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. After detailed deliberations, the following decisions were taken:-

4.1 Regarding high percentage of rejection of claims under implementation of Forest Rights Act, it is suggested that at least 5% of the rejected claims may be verified on random sampling basis.

(Action ST & SC Dev. Deptt./ Collectors)

4.2 Title holders under Forest Rights Act.2006 should be motivated to prefer land based schemes. Good NGOs of the Districts should be engaged to expedite awareness about different Govt. Schemes for convergence to cover all the beneficiaries and District Administrations should select good NGOs & entrust them the assigned work. Special initiatives should be taken to provide land based schemes to all the title holders of PTG area under FRA. 2006.

O TELP may be instructed to give emphasis on land-based schemes to the title holders under FRA-2006 in convergence to Govt. Schemes in O TELP adopted villages.

(Action ST & SC Dev. Deptt./ Collectors)

4.3 Where FRA Rights are settled in favour of the ST beneficiaries, the encroachment cases under pre-80 may be dropped. In this regard F & E Department may take initiatives. Regarding conversion of Forest villages to Revenue Villages, F & E Department and R & DM Department may take initiative in a time bound manner.

(Action:- F & E Deptt. and R & DM Deptt.)

4.4 In a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary on 02.02.2011, it was decided that F & E Department would prepare detailed guidelines for processing of Community claims on priority basis. Forest & Environment Department may take pro- active steps in this matter.

All Collectors should be instructed to process Community claims on priority basis.

(Action:- F & E Deptt. and all Collectors)

4.5 The memorandums & allegations received from field have been enquired into & reports obtained except Collector, Kandhamal (2 allegations) & R.D.C., Southern Division (One allegation related to Boudh District) which should be enquired into within a fortnight.

(Action:- RDC, Southern Division, Collector, Kandhamal)

4.6 District level Committees should ensure proper entries i.e. land mark, Chauhati, sketch map on certificate of titles distributed under Forest Rights Act. 2006.

Certificate of titles should be prepared in four-sets which may be kept with beneficiary, Tahasildar, DFO, DWO/ PA, ITDA of the concerned area.

(Action:- All Collectors)


Chief Secretary

Annexure-I

**Members and Officers present in the 4th State
Level Monitoring Committees held on 29.03.2010**

| <i>Sl. No.</i> | <i>Name & Designation</i> |
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| 1 | Sri B.K. Pattnaik, IAS Chief Secretary, Orissa |
| 2 | Sri R.N. Senapati, IAS Development Commissioner, Orissa |
| 3 | Sri S.N. Tripatry, IAS Principal Secretary P.R. Department |
| 4 | Sri Santosh Sarangi, IAS Commissioner-cum-Secretary ST & SC Development Department |
| 5 | Sri R.K. Sharma, IAS Commissioner-cum-Secretary Revenue & Disaster Management Department |
| 6 | Sri S.C. Mohanty, IFS Principal, Chief Conservator of Forest |
| 7 | Sri B.K. Singh, IFS Spl. Secretary, Forest & Environment Deptt. |
| 8 | Sri S.K. Chadha, IFS Director ST/SC-cum-Addl. Secretary ST & SC Development Department |