

NOTE SHEET

1. During the last Video Conference held on 8th and 9th December, 2009 it was ascertained that District Level Committees (DLCs) are not considering claim petitions relating to all types of Forest Land. As per **Section 2 (d) of the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006**, "Forest land" is defined as follows: -
"Forest Land means land of any description falling within any forest area and includes unclassified forests, undemarcated forests, existing or deemed forests, protected forests, reserved forests and National Parks".
2. It is understood that most of the claims approved by the District Level Committee are relating to **Revenue Forest Land**.
3. **DFOs may , therefore , be advised to process pro-actively claims relating to Reserved Forests, Protected Forests and National Parks under the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.**
4. It is understood that Reserved Forest Gazette notifications and Forest Working / Management Plans also recognize individual and community rights in many cases. **DFOs may be advised to pro-actively share the above information with Collector (Chairperson of DLC), Sub-Collector (Chairperson of SDLC), Gram Sabhas and FRCs so that these claims can be processed under the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 early.**

I would request you to examine it and advise DFOs accordingly

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