

Office of the Collector & District Magistrate, Nuapada
(ST & SC Development Department)

No. 2576 / dated. 31.10.2019

**The Joint Secretary to Government,
ST & SC Development Department,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar.**

Sub: Recognition of individual Forest Rights in favour of OTFDs.

**Ref: Letter No.9773/SSD dated 10.06.2019 of Govt. in ST & SC
Development Department.**

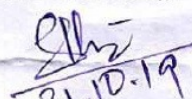
Sir,

I am to intimate that on receipt of clarifications from Govt. on recognition of Forest Rights in favour of Other Traditional Forest Dwellers, all the Welfare Extension Officers were instructed to re-verify the individual FRA cases of OTFDs and conduct joint verification to ascertain the eligibility criteria of the beneficiary as under:

- a) Primarily resided in the forest or forests land for 03 generations (75 Years) prior to dt.13.12.2005.
- b) Depend on the forest or forests land for bonafide livelihood needs. Primarily resided in the forest or forests land does not mean occupation. Proof of residence in the forests for 75 years where claim has been filed and current dependence on forest land will suffice for being considered as OTFD.

Such verification work is under progress.

Yours faithfully,


31.10.19
**District Welfare Officer,
Nuapada.**