

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
ST & SC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

No. 19742 / SSD, Bhubaneswar Date 16.11.2019
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From

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Joint Secretary to Govt.

To

All Collectors cum Chairperson of the DLCs on FRA.

Sub :-

Capacity building and training of the Government Officials and local functionaries at various levels in the District on implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006 and Amendment Rules, 2012.

Ref:-

D.O. letter bearing No-23011/29/2019-FRA dated 14.10.2019 of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India.


Sir/Madam,

I am directed to enclose herewith the copy of the letter bearing No. 23011/29/2019-FRA dated 14.10.2019 on the subject cited above from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India, the contents of which are self-explanatory.

You are therefore requested to initiate proactive steps towards capacity building and organizing training programs at the District and Sub-Divisional level for Government Officials (Revenue, Forest, ST&SC Department's field staffs), members of Forest Rights Committees and Panchayat representatives. Action taken on the matter may please be initiated to this department for needful action at this end.


This may please be treated as **Most Urgent**.

Yours faithfully,


Joint Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 19743 / SSD Dt. 16.11.2019

Copy along with copy of the enclosure sent to the Advisor cum Director & Spl. Secretary, SCSTRTI, CRP square, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with a request to organize training programs of the Government Officials and various stakeholders for effective implementation of Forest Rights Act.


Joint Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 19744 / SSD Dt. 16.11.2019

Copy along with copy of the enclosure sent to all Nodal Officers on FRA for information and necessary action. They are requested to initiate needful action at their end & submit ATR on the matter to this department by 30.11.2019 through e-mail.


Joint Secretary to Govt.

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Secretary to Govt. of India



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जनजातीय कार्य मंत्रालय
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

D.O. No.23011/29/2019-FRA

Dated: 14th October, 2019

Dear Mrs. Chopra,

As you are aware, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 came into effect from 13.01.2007. The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Rules, 2008 for implementation of the provisions of the Act were notified on 01.01.2008.

2. It is generally felt that the awareness among the implementing officials regarding the various provisions of the Act and Rules thereunder is still less than satisfactory although so many years have elapsed. The State Tribal Development/Welfare Departments are duty bound to take steps towards capacity building and training of the functionaries responsible for implementing the Act at various levels in the State and districts. The State Tribal Research Institutions and similar organisations can be mobilized for this purpose. Especially, there is need for better understanding among the State Government officials and local functionaries regarding the Community Forest Rights and the Community Forest Resource Rights, their recognition process, management and related issues. There is need to focus on this area of community/community forest resource rights claim recognition process which is lagging behind the individual claims process. There is also need for more capacity building activity in this area.

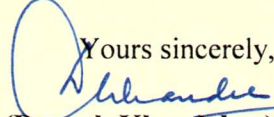
3. It is, therefore, requested that concentrated efforts to build the capacity in the aforesaid areas of the Act for the Government officials by organizing training programmes for Government officials and local functionaries at the various levels. You may also build up a cadre of master trainers who can carry out this activity at the district and sub-district levels. You would agree that sustained efforts in this area would go a long way towards effective implementation of the Act.

4. I may also remind you that the guidelines for implementation of the Act issued by the Ministry emphasis on the following:

- Each State should prepare suitable communication and training material in local language for effective implementation of the Act.
- The State Nodal Agency should ensure that the Sub Divisional Level Committee and the District Level Committee make district-wise plans for trainings of revenue, forest and tribal welfare departments' field staff, officials, Forest Rights Committees and Panchayat representatives. Public meetings for awareness generation in those villages where process of recognition is not complete need to be held.

We would like to receive information from you regarding the efforts made including success stories/best practices in this work.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Deepak Khandekar) 14/10/19

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