

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
S.T. & S.C. DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

No. 20313 /SSD, Bhubaneswar Date 22nd November, 2019.
STSCD-FRA-MEET-0003-2014

From

Smt. Ranjana Chopra, IAS
Principal Secretary to Govt.,

To

All Collectors cum Chairperson of DLCs on FRA.

Sub: Effective implementation of the STs & Other Traditional Forest dwellers (Recognition of Forest rights) Act, 2006 by extending hand holding support to the eligible claimants as well as capacity building of Govt. functionaries, PRI members and other stake holders.

Madam /Sir,

It is to inform you that the Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA) is being implemented in our State since the year 2008 and to bring further efficiency into its implementation, clarification is issued on the points raised in the Collector's VC dtd.14.11.2019.

1. Engagement of retired RIs/Amins etc. on contractual basis has already been permitted vide this Department letter no.38848/SSD dated 06.11.2008 (Copy enclosed as **Annexure-1**) and the expenditure in this concern is to be met out of funds under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution. However, the consolidated remuneration to be paid to the retired Govt. servant (Amin, RIs etc.) is to be guided by the instructions contained in the Office Memorandum no.7022 /F dated 17.03.2018 of the Finance Department.
2. It may also be noted that till the end of March, 2019, a total sum of Rs.1844.05 lakh under article 275 (1) has already been allotted to the districts concerned (Year wise, district wise position are indicated in **Annexure-2**) for implementation of FRA and requirement for the current financial year has been

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sought vide this Deptt's letter dt.25.07.2019 & reminders thereafter, which, till date, have been received from 16 districts only. However, fund, as sought for in this concern through the prescribed format by the districts are being processed & would be placed soon with the concerned districts.

3. Collectors may also engage NGOs/ CSOs working through their network of NGOs in several districts in providing capacity building training to Forest Rights Committees (FRCs), Sub-Divisional level Committees (SDLCs) & Govt. officials associated in the process of implementation of FRA. You may locate such NGOs in coordination with the ITDAs.

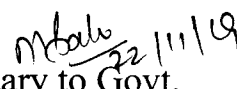
In view of it, I would like to draw your personal attention on the matter and request you to initiate prompt and pro-active action, so that all genuine and bonafide claims of forest dwellers can be settled in a time bound manner.

Yours faithfully,


Principal Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 20314 /SSD dated 22-11-2019.

Copy along with enclosures submitted to the Spl. Secretary to Govt., R & DM Department/ PR & DW Department/ Forest & Env. Department/ PCCF, Odisha/ All RDCs for information and necessary action.


Joint Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 20315 /SSD dated 22-11-2019.

Copy along with enclosures submitted to all PA,ITDAs/ all DWOs for information and necessary action.


Joint Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 20316 /SSD dated 22-11-2019.

Copy along with enclosures submitted to the Advisor cum Director & Special Secretary, SCSTRTI, CRP Square, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.


Joint Secretary to Govt.