

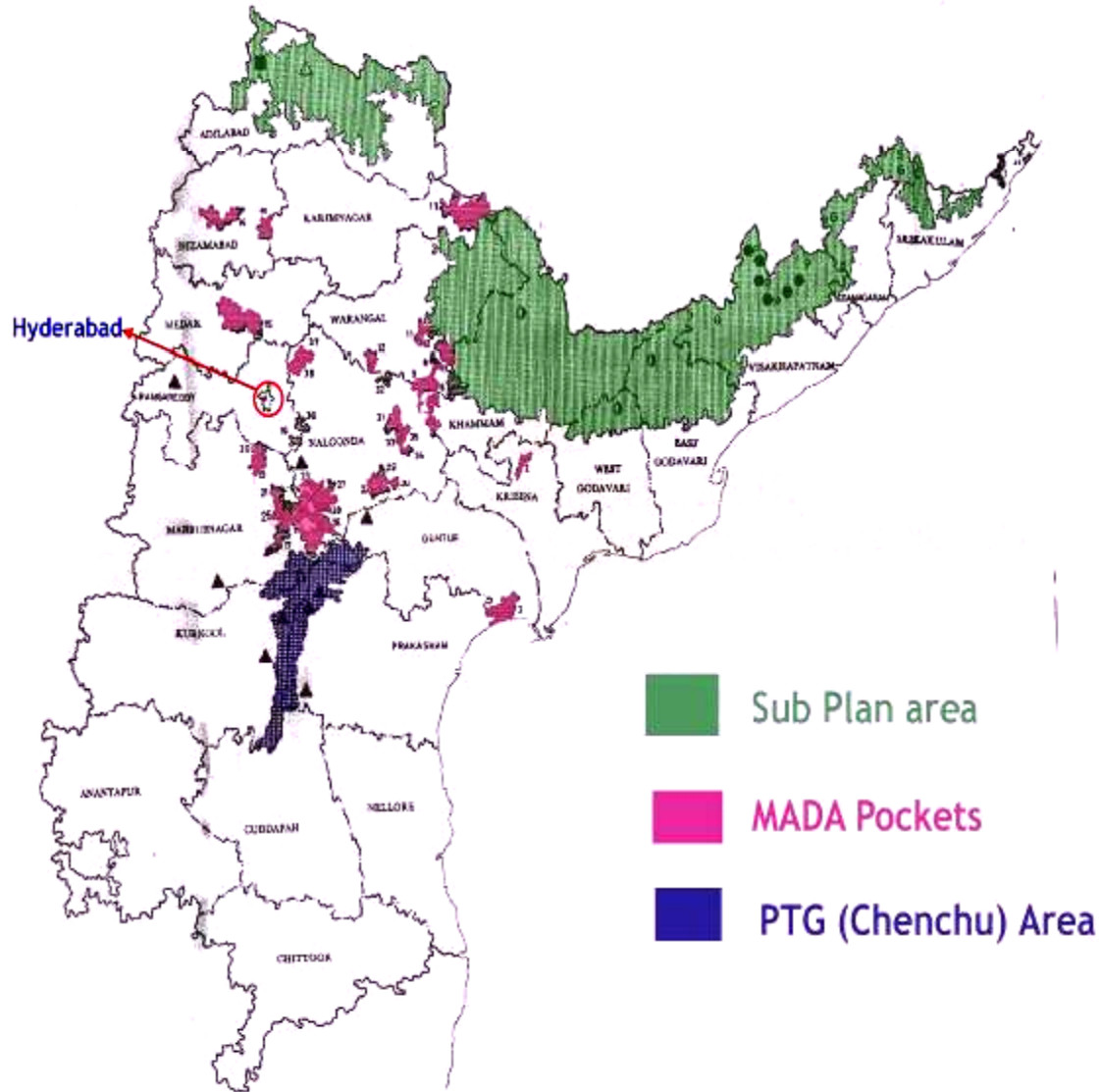
Government of Andhra Pradesh

National Review-cum-Orientation Meeting  
on Implementation of Forest Rights Act  
at New Delhi  
on 03.12.2012

Tribal Welfare Department  
Hyderabad

# ANDHRA PRADESH

11 ITDAs, 41 MADA Pockets & 17 Clusters



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50 lakh STs, 35 Tribes, 8 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs),  
37% Literacy

## Population:

(in lakhs)

Percentage

Total State Population	-	762.00	
Total ST Population	-	50.24	6.59
ST Population in TSP areas	-	30.47	60.65
ST population in Plain areas	-	19.77	39.35

Area

(in Sq. Kms)

Total State Geographical area	-	2,76,754	
Total TSP – Scheduled area	-	31,485	11.37
Total Forest area	-	63,814	23.06

## Achievements on Implementation of FRA

No. of Gram Panchayats having forest interface	3830
No. of Gram Sabhas convened	3799
No. of FRCs constituted	3799
No. of DLCs constituted	22
No. of SDLCs constituted	68
No. of Survey teams constituted	658
Bare foot surveyors/Social Mobilizers / Animators	15000
Para legal staff (drawn from IKP)	3,750
31 Gram Sabhas were not convened in Chittoor District due to uninhabited habitations.	

## Achievements on Implementation of FRA – Phase-I

Sl. No.	Activity	No.	Extent (Acs.)
1	Individual Claims received	323765	950351
2	Community Claims received	6714	1016307
<b>Total Claims Received</b>		<b>330479</b>	<b>1966658</b>
<b>Action taken</b>			
1	Titles Distributed	167797	1451223
2	Titles ready for distribution	6896	19023
3	Cases rejected	153380	484630
<b>Total Cases Cleared</b>		<b>328073</b>	<b>1954876</b>

<b>Action to be taken</b>			
<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Extent (Acs.)</b>
1	Cases pending with Gram Sabhas (including Survey)	1683	8390
2	Cases pending with SDLC	723	3392
<b>Total Pendency</b>		<b>2406</b>	<b>11782</b>
<p>Pending due to (a) claims on other than forest lands and lands are not in possession of claimants, (b) Court cases and (c) objections from Forest Department.</p>			

## Achievements on Implementation of FRA – Phase-II

Sl. No.	Activity	No.	Extent (Acs.)
1	Individual Claims received	26381	68478
2	Community Claims received	4251	262899
<b>Total</b>		<b>30632</b>	<b>331377</b>
1	Individual claims surveyed	17992	51093
2	Community claims surveyed	3881	259240
<b>Total</b>		<b>21873</b>	<b>310333</b>
1	Individual claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	9024	28160
2	Community claims recommended by GS to SDLC	2641	170395
<b>Total</b>		<b>11665</b>	<b>198555</b>
1	Individual claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	1709	4910
2	Community claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	433	51334
<b>Total</b>		<b>2142</b>	<b>56244</b>
1	Individual claims approved in DLC	1697	4890
2	Community claims approved in DLC	35	151
<b>Total</b>		<b>1732</b>	<b>5041</b>
1	Individual claims distributed	305	1076
2	Community claims distributed	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>305</b>	<b>1076</b>

# Reasons for Rejection of Claims

- 153380 cases covering an extent of 484630 Acs were rejected
- Lack of sufficient documentary evidences
- Forest encroachments after 13.12.2005
- Individual claims on the lands covered under VSS
- Claims on the lands which are not classified as forest areas
- Claims of OTFDs in scheduled areas
- Claims from below 18 years age group
- Multiple Claims



# Process

- GPS survey of all land parcels.
- GPS survey map with latitude and longitude values for every point.
- Survey map superimposed on the forest compartment map.
- A comprehensive title deed – Water Proof Cover, Photo, Parcel details – Extent, boundaries.
- Each certificate of title deed was signed by the District Collector; DFO/PO/DTWO.



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(5) హక్కుల వివరాలు (వ్యక్తి వివరణ మరియు పటము తదుపరి పేజీలో)  
ఛార్జ్ ( ఎకరాలు మరియు సెంట్లు)

a) సాగు భూమి : 1.25

b) ఇంటి స్థలము :

c) ఇతర వివరాలు :

మొత్తం : 1.25

(6) రిమార్కులు

చట్టంలోని సెక్షన్ 4(4) కింద ఆ హక్కు వాదాసత్వం అన్యక్రొంతం లేదా బదిలీ చేయాలానికి  
విలు లేదు. ఆ అటవి హక్కులను ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ రాష్ట్ర ప్రభుత్వం తరఫున మేము ది  
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ప్రాజెక్టు ఇంజనీర్

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# Action Plan for Training and Awareness Raising on FRA

- Workshops and trainings for Revenue, Forest and TW Officers.
- Awareness programs for political parties, NGOs.
- Village level campaign to raise awareness.
- Kalajatha, posters, pamphlets, etc.
- Local tribal youth to be deployed as Social Mobilizers.
- Every FRC is assisted by 2-4 Social Mobilizers and animators
  - Filing claims, Record keeping, Awareness building.
- One Para – legal for two FRCs - to assist for settlement of minor disputes.

# Action Plan for formation of Forest Rights Committees

- Tribal Welfare Department - Nodal agency for implementation
- A Road Map for the implementation of STs & OTFDs (RoFR) Act, 2006
- Detailed revised operational guidelines for implementation are issued
- 7,500 habitations having forest interface were identified

# Action Plan for Community Forest Resource Rights

- 330469 Community Claim covering an extent of 1962077 Acs are received, of which titles were issued to 2106 Claims covering an extent of 979202 Acs.
- Community Claims in the State of AP is largely limited to the erstwhile VSS/JFM lands. This has led to a situation where other community rights of STs/OTFDs in AP have not yet been comprehensively identified and recorded. This project, therefore, is an attempt to recognize the Rights of Forest Dwelling STs and other traditional forest dwellers (both individual and community) in an exhaustive fashion.

# Community Forest Rights

- Detailed revised operational guidelines for comprehensively identify all the community rights in the Forest Lands are issued.
- A road map has been prescribed for completion of the process by end of January, 2013.

# Habitat, Forest Villages, Pastoralists

- Habitat rights have been recognized for all PVTGs.
- To prepare a map for all such rights which have been recognized till now and which will be recognized in the present round of survey.
- To incorporate all of these in the Revenue Records so as to make the right holders eligible for government developmental interventions and bank loans and frame simple rules for land administration of these lands.

# Individual Rights

- Detailed revised operational guidelines for implementation are issued.
- Constitution of FRC for each forest interface habitation.
- A road map has been prescribed for completion of the process by end of January, 2013.
- There is total prohibition on transfer of land to non-tribals in Scheduled Areas in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Though the OTFDs are in occupation of forest lands for 75 years are not eligible for FRA rights.



# Protected areas

- Operational guidelines have been issued that rights of eligible beneficiaries should be recorded first without any exception or compromise and resettled.
- The Forest Rights in National Parks and Sanctuaries have to be recognized as per the Act and their relocation, if required will be decided later in critical Wildlife habitats.

## Action Plan for Grievance Redressal

- No petition of the aggrieved person is disposed of, unless he has been given a reasonable opportunity to present anything in support of his claim.
- The SDLC or the DLC shall remand the claim to the GS for reconsideration instead of modifying or rejecting the same; in case the resolution or the recommendation of the Gram Sabha is found to be incomplete or prima-facie requires additional examination.
- The decisions of the SDLC and DLC that involve modification or rejection of a Gram Sabha resolution or recommendation of the SDLC shall give detailed reasons for modification or rejection, as the case may be.

# Action Plan for Review of Rejections

- In case of a dispute relating to a resolution of a Gram Sabha or Gram Sabha through a resolution against any higher authority or Committee or Officer or member of such authority or Committee gives a notice regarding contravention of any provision of the Act or any rule made thereunder concerning recognition of forest rights to the State Level Monitoring Committee, the State Level Monitoring Committee should hold an inquiry on the basis of the said notice and take action, if any, that is required. The complainant and the Gram Sabha should be informed about the outcome of the inquiry.

# Strategy for Monitoring and Evaluation

- A Committee with the Special Chief Secretary and CCLA as Chairman and Commissioner of Tribal Welfare as Convener has been constituted to act as a catalyst for effective implementation of the RoFR Act.
- The Committee shall meet as frequently as required and ensure orderly and expeditious implementation of the RoFR Act in the State.

# Strategy for Post Recognition of Rights Support

- To prepare a map for all such rights which have been recognized till now and which will be recognized in the present round of survey.
- To incorporate all of these in the Revenue Records so as to make the right holders eligible for government developmental interventions and bank loans and frame simple rules for land administration of these lands.
- To prepare a comprehensive plan for land development and for improving the economics of cultivation in these lands.
- Providing irrigation facilities, planning for water shed management, plantation development, drip and sprinkler irrigation etc under the various schemes of the Central and State Government viz. MGNREGS, IJP, APMIP etc.

# Final Commitments from the State

- A transparent and time bound implementation of FRA is a sine qua non to reverse centuries of injustice done to the unfortunate STs and OTFDs settled in areas that were labeled as forest, by branding them as encroachers on their own lands, during the forest settlement during the colonial rule and in independent India.
- The project is an attempt to recognize rights that were taken away from the STs and Other Forest Dwellers unfairly and deserve support for restoring the same.