

**Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs**

Status report on implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 [for the period ending 31st December, 2009]

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1. Readiness of the States in the implementation of the Act :

- (i) An updated status of State-wise implementation of the Act is given in **Annexure-I**. As per the information collected till 31st December, 2009, **more than 26.63 lakh claims have been filed and more than 6.88 lakh titles have been distributed. More than 37 thousand titles were ready for distribution.**

State-wise synopsis of claims disposed of, as on 31.12.09, with respect to the total number of claims received up to May 09, the month of announcement of special drive, is as below:

State	No. of claims received at Gram Sabha		No. of claims disposed of by 31.12.2009			Percentage of the claims disposed of upto 31.12.09 w.r.t no. of claims received upto 31.5.09/observations
	Upto May 09	Upto Dec. 09	No. of titles distributed	No. of claims rejected	Total No. of claims disposed of	
Andhra Pradesh	3,29,101	3,25,818	1,73,334	1,31,480	3,04,814	92.62%
Assam	-	1,01,454	12,056	-	12,056	Very late start
Bihar	495	788	Nil	-	Nil	Nil
Chhattisgarh	4,00,000	4,77,309	2,00,806	2,40,722	4,41,528	100%
Gujarat	1,63,675	1,86,334	7,584	1,688	9,272	5.66%. Very poor performance
Jharkhand	878	25,220	2,505	3,036	5,541	100% But the number of applications called is very poor
Karnataka	1,412	45,801	-	-	-	Nil
Kerala	-	36,807	108	11	119	-
Madhya Pradesh	3,43,148	3,84,466	72,485	2,40,795	3,13,280	91.29%
Maharashtra	2,39,542	3,03,960	2,453	404	2857	1.19%. Very poor
Orissa	2,91,107	3,29,514	97,595	55,403	1,52,998	52.56%
Rajasthan	34,535	59,900	14,067	29,719	43,786	100%
Tamil Nadu*	4,876	9,355	(1764 titles are ready)*	-	(1764 titles are ready)*	36.18%

Tripura	1,60,046	1,64,726	84,750	73,697	1,58,447	99.00%
Uttar Pradesh	-	70,033	3302	-	3302	Poor
Uttarakhand	-	182	-	1	1	Nil
West Bengal	1,39,494	1,41,783	17,360	54,222	71,582	51.31%
Total	21,07,719	26,63,450	6,88,405	8,31,178	15,19,583	72.10%

* In the State of Tamil Nadu, titles could not be distributed due to restrictive High Court's order.

Pending population of the web-site (www.foresights.gov.in), a statement on claims received and distribution of title deeds in various states, as in **Annexure-II**, is being maintained.

- (ii) A list of States/UTs that are not uploading the website is at **Annexure-III**. A list of States/UTs that have not distributed any title so far, is also given in Annexure-III.

2. Clarifications sought by the States, if any :

No State has asked for any fresh clarification.

3. Matters relating to the Act pending at the level of Government of India:

- NIL -

4. Monitoring of the implementation of the Act::

As intimated earlier, the Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs, vide his letter dated 19.11.2009, had brought the observations of the Hon'ble Prime Minister in his speech delivered at the inaugural session of the two-day Conference convened by this Ministry on 4th and 5th November, 2009 to the notice of the State Chief Ministers for necessary follow up. The Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs has again written to the State Chief Ministers on 29.12.2009 urging them to take all measures necessary for accelerating process of implementation of the Act so that the work relating to distribution of title deeds to all eligible claimants is completed by the end of December, 2009.

In the Conference, the representative of State Government of Manipur informed that, in Manipur, the tribal communities and Tribal Chiefs are already holding ownership of forest land as their ancestral land in non-Reserved Forest Area. Therefore, the implementation of the Forest Rights Act is perceived to be minimal in Manipur.

The representative of Government of Meghalaya informed that owing to peculiar situation of ownership of forests in Meghalaya which vests with the individuals, clans, communities and District Councils, the Forest Rights Act will not be applicable in these areas. The Act will, therefore, be applicable

only to Government Reserved Forests of the State. However, all the customary rights like collection of firewood, small timber and minor forest produce shall be extended to fringe forest dwellers who will not be conferred the rights of land which is normally provided for the forest villagers in Reserved Forests.

The representative of Government of Mizoram informed that the provisions of the Forest Rights Act, particularly clauses (g) and (h) of Section 3(1) thereof, attract the bar provided in sub clause (iv) of clause (a) of Article 371-G of the Constitution. Therefore, it was decided that a resolution to apply the provisions of the Act would be needed to be moved in Mizoram Legislative Assembly in terms of Article 371-G (a) of the Constitution. The Social Welfare Department was entrusted with this task. In the sitting on 29.10.2009 of its Fourth Session, Sixth Legislative Assembly of Mizoram has resolved that the Forest Rights Act shall be adopted in the entire State of Mizoram with effect from 31.12.2009.

The Minister for Forests, Environment, Ecology & Wildlife, Government of Nagaland informed that Article 371-A of the Constitution provides that no Act of the Parliament can have legal force in the State unless the State Legislative Assembly by a resolution so decides to adopt. The Forest Rights Act is being examined by a Committee of the House on its applicability.

On the second day of the Conference, Secretary (Tribal Affairs) reminded the participants of the directive of the Hon'ble Prime Minister regarding dovetailing of all development and welfare programmes in tribal areas for a coherent strategy and coordinated approach involving all Departments. The State Governments of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and the Ministries of Rural Development, Environment & Forests, Panchayati Raj and the International Centre for Research in Agro-forestry, New Delhi, thereafter made their presentations on convergence of their schemes / programmes with tribal development.

Annexure-I**Statement showing State-wise status of implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006**

(As on 31.12.2009)

Name of the State/UT	Activities	Status
Andhra Pradesh	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c) SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	3,720
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	3,25,818 {3,18,750 individual and 7,068 community} *
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	2,10,334
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	1,88,268
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	1,80,074
	11) Number of titles distributed	1,73,334
	12) No. of claims rejected	1,31,480 (85,799 at Gram Sabha level and 45,681 at DLC/ SDLC level)
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-12-2009
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> 1. Land records 2. The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has informed that the implementing officers of three districts i.e. Vizanagaram, East Godavari and Khamman have furnished the revised progress reports. Hence the total number of claims filed and number of titles distributed have been reduced compared to the last month.	

Arunachal Pradesh	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	No. However, Department of Social Welfare has been selected as the Nodal Department for implementation of the Act in the State.
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c) SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	-
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	-
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	-
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	-
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	-
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	-
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	-
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	-
	11) Number of titles distributed	-
	12) No. of claims rejected	-
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	-
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> State Govt. has informed that though they have constituted the SDLC, DLC and SLMC under the Act but unlike the other States where the STs and other traditional forest dwellers are in minority, Arunachal Pradesh is wholly domiciled by various ethnic tribal groups whose land and forests are specifically identified with natural boundaries of hillocks, ranges, rivers and tributaries. Barring few pockets of land under wildlife sanctuaries, reserved forests, most of the land in entire State is community land. Territorial boundaries of land and forest belonging to different community or tribes are also identified same line leaving no scope for any dispute over the possession of land, forest and water bodies among the tribes. Therefore, Forest Rights Act does not have much relevance in Arunachal Pradesh.	-
Assam	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c) SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes

	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Is being done
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	1,01,454 (97,111 individual and 4,343 community)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	1,01,345 (97,002 individual and 4,343 community)
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	73,594 (70,576 individual and 3,018 community)
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	72,787 (69,769 individual and 3,018 community)
	11) Number of titles distributed	12,056
	12) No. of claims rejected	-
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-12-2009
	14) Problems/Remarks: 1. Disputes in settling claims get converted into law and order problem which adversely effects the pace of implementation. 2. Claims from false claimants under the category of other traditional forest dwellers are being received.	-
Bihar	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	-
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Is being created in a limited way through advertisements in local newspapers
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Out of 390 Gram Sabhas, training has been completed in about 50 Gram Sabhas

	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Is in progress.
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	788
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	-
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	-
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	-
	11) Number of titles distributed	-
	12) No. of claims rejected	-
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	-
	14) Problems/Remarks:	Nil
Chhattisgarh	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Going on in a large scale
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	4,77,309
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	2,51,125
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	2,16,923
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	2,02,905
	11) Number of titles distributed	2,00,806
	12) No. of claims rejected	2,40,722
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31.12.2009
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> Out of 85 blocks, at least 40 blocks are affected by naxalism and this had slowed down the pace of implementation of Forest Rights Act.	-
Goa	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yet to be constituted.

	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Work in progress.
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Done.
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Training to PRI Institutions has been imparted.
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	So far 90 FRCs have been constituted.
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	Nil
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	Nil
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	Nil
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	Nil
	11) Number of titles distributed	Nil
	12) No. of claims rejected	Nil
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> Claims in CRZ areas are to be processed. There are objections from OBC population. Progress, therefore, is lagging behind.	-
Gujarat	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	1,86,334 (1,78,207 individual and 8,127 community)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	71,649 (70,506 individual and 1143 community).

	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	18,566
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	10,176
	11) Number of titles distributed	7,584
	12) No. of claims rejected	1,688
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-12-2009
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> 1. There is some delay in conducting the survey and field verification of claims at site on account of State's officials capability to handle PDA equipments purchased from Forest and Environment Department of Madhya Pradesh; 2. Efforts are being made by State Government to implement the Act in non-Scheduled Areas. 3. There are problems of manpower and funds also.	
Haryana	The State Govt. has informed that there are no Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers living in the forests of Haryana	
Himachal Pradesh	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	No need
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes, in 142 Gram Sabhas out of 151 Gram Sabha (94%)
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	-
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	-
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	-
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	-
	11) Number of titles distributed	-
	12) No. of claims rejected	-

	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	The State Govt. has requested for extension for the completion of the implementation process since the tribal areas will remain cut off due to early snow in the winter till April/May, 2010.
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> 1. Pace of implementation of Forest Rights Act in this State has been considerably affected by migration of tribal population from snow-bound areas during winter season last year; 2. Promulgation of Model Code of Conduct from March to May this year for the recent Elections; 3. Sowing season in May and June; 4. a Writ Petition filed in H.P. High Court.	
Jharkhand	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	19,638 FRCs have been constituted.
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	25,220 (24,847 individual and 373 community)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	7,521
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	3,148
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	2,897
	11) Number of titles distributed	2,505
	12) No. of claims rejected	3,036
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	-
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> Forest areas are affected by left wing extremism.	-
Karnataka	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes

	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Has been started
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	2,482 FRCs have been constituted
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	45,801
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	1216
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	-
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	-
	11) Number of titles distributed	NIL
	12) No. of claims rejected	-
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-12-2009
	14) Problems/Remarks:	Nil
Kerala	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	511 FRCs have been constituted.
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	36,807 (35,643 individual and 1,164 community)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	35,601 (35,433 individual and 168 community)
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	2,271

	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	1,657
	11) Number of titles distributed	108
	12) No. of claims rejected	11
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-12-2009
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:/Remarks:</u> Distribution of titles is delayed due to engagement with general/ bye elections of Parliament. Due to high density in forest, only manual survey is feasible. This takes much time.	-
Madhya Pradesh	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	3,84,466 (3,78,559 individual and 5907 community)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	3,77,117
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC and sending to DLC	3,55,713
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	3,44,465
	11) Number of titles distributed	72,485 distributed and 31,185 ready
	12) No. of claims rejected	2,40,795
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-03-2010 (EMPHASISED FOR DEC. 2009).
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> Fund would be needed for settling the rights of people living inside National park.	-
Maharashtra	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes

	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	3,03,960
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	61,334
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	9,750
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	4,632
	11) Number of titles distributed	2,453
	12) No. of claims rejected	404
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	March 2010. M/o Tribal Affairs has EMPHASISED FOR DEC. 2009.
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> Large number of false claimants have filed claims.	-
Manipur	Reasons why no action has been initiated for implementation of the Act are not available nor were they forthcoming in the Review Meeting held on 11.11.2008 and also during the on 4 th and 5 th November 2009. <u>Problems/ Remarks:</u> In tribal communities and tribal chiefs are already holding ownership of forest land as their ancestral land in non-Reserved Forest Area. Therefore, implementation of the Forest Rights Act is perceived minimal in Manipur.	NO RESPONSE
Meghalaya	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Monitoring Committees at District and Sub-Divisional levels have been set up. The SLMC has been constituted.
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	No
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	No information available
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	No information available
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	No information available
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	-
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	-

	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	-
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	-
	11) Number of titles distributed	-
	12) No. of claims rejected	-
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	No projected date fixed so far by the State Government. M/o Tribal Affairs has EMPHASISED FOR DEC. 2009.
	14) Problems/Remarks:s 96% of forest land is owned by clan / community / individuals. Implementation of the Act has, therefore, limited scope.	
Mizoram	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	No
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	No
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	No
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	-
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	-
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	-
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	-
	11) Number of titles distributed	-
	12) No. of claims rejected	-
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	No projected date fixed so far by the State Government.M/o Tribal Affairs has EMPHASISED FOR DEC. 2009.

	<p>14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> The Act is to be approved by the State Legislative Assembly as per the Article 371 (G) of the Constitution. In the sitting on 29.10.2009 of its Fourth Session, the Sixth Legislative Assembly of Mizoram has resolved that the Forest Rights Act shall be adopted in the entire State of Mizoram with effect from 31.12.2009.</p>	
Nagaland	<p>Government of Nagaland has informed that the land holding system and the village system of the Naga people is peculiar in that the people are the landowners. There are no tribes or group of people or forest dwellers in the State of Nagaland.</p> <p>Hence, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 per se may not be applicable to the State of Nagaland. However, a committee has been constituted to examine the applicability of the Act in Nagaland as per provision of Art. 371(A) of Constitution of India</p>	
Orissa	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c) SLMC	(a) Yes (b) Yes (c) Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	3,29,514 (3,27,619 individual and 1,895 community)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	2,34,749 (2,34,220 individual and 529 community)
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	1,26,850 (1,26,672 individual and 178 community)
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	1,08,809 (1,08,683 individual and 126 community)
	11) Number of titles distributed	97,595 (97,537 individual and 58 community)
	12) No. of claims rejected	55,403
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	NOT GIVEN DECEMBER 2009 EMPHASISED

	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> 1. Forest land in the State is unsurveyed & detailed maps/records are not available; 2. Restrictive Court order.	-
Rajasthan	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	59,900
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	NA
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	NA
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	NA
	11) Number of titles distributed	14,067
	12) No. of claims rejected	29,719
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31.12.2009
	14) Problems/Remarks:	Nil
Sikkim	The Government of Sikkim has issued a notification dated 28.1.2008 regarding constitution of an Expert Committee for identification of Critical Wildlife habitats in Protected Areas (PAs) and have also constituted the various Committees under the Act namely SDLC, DLC and SLMC, but has not sent any report regarding the progress of implementation of the Act in the State so far. <u>Problems/ Remarks:</u> In Sikkim, there are no Forest Dwelling STs and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers in the true sense of the terms. Most of the STs of Sikkim hold revenue land in their own name and they are not solely dependent on the forests for their livelihood.	
Tamil Nadu	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes

	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Has started in a limited way
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	-
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Work of setting up FRCs has started. Gram Sabha meetings convened on 15.08.2008
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	9,355
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	Number not available
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	Number not available
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	Number not available
	11) Number of titles distributed	1,764 ready
	12) No. of claims rejected	Number not available
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-12-2009
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> Title deeds would be distributed after the vacation of restrictive order of Madras High Court.	
Tripura	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Workshop organized for the officials of PRI/SDLC/DLC.
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	1,64,726
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	1,34,745 (1,34,671 individual and 74 community)
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	1,03,317

	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	91,029
	11) Number of titles distributed	84,750
	12) No. of claims rejected	73,697
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-12-2009
	14) Problems/Remarks:	Nil
Uttar Pradesh	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	No need
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	892
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	70,033
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	-
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	-
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	-
	11) Number of titles distributed	3302 distributed and 4604 ready
	12) No. of claims rejected	26
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-12-2009
	14) Problems/Remarks:	Nil
Uttarakhand	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c) SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	-
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	-
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	yes

	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	182
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	-
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	-
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	-
	11) Number of titles distributed	-
	12) No. of claims rejected	1
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31-12-2009
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> Formation of committees could not be done earlier due to the coming into force of model code of conduct for elections. The pace of implementation of Forest Rights Act was therefore adversely affected.	
West Bengal	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	1, 41,783 (1,31,664 individual and 10,119 community)
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	33,443
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	20,204
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	18,275

	11) Number of titles distributed	17,360 distributed, 403 ready
	12) No. of claims rejected	54,222
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	31.12.2009 (barring the districts in which there are law & order problems.)
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> 1. The State Government has informed that formation of 7 FRCs in Jalpaiguri District and all FRCs in 3 Sub-Divisions of Darjeeling District is held up due to grave political disturbances; and 2. non-functioning of Gram Panchayats in Darjeeling District. Political disturbance in West Midnapur, Bankura, Purulia and Darjeeling affected pace of implementation of Forest Rights Act in these districts considerably.	
A & N Islands	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Being constituted.
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Translation has been completed but publication of the translated version yet not done.
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Under process
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	Yes
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	-
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	-
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	-
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	-
	11) Number of titles distributed	-
	12) No. of claims rejected	-
	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	-

	<p>14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u></p> <p>The Andaman & Nicobar Administration has informed that there are no non-tribal forest dwellers as defined in the Act in A&N Islands. The Act, therefore, is applicable only to the Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes of these islands. The area inhabited by the Scheduled Tribes of A&N Islands has been declared as reserved area under the A&N Islands Protection of Aboriginal Tribes (Regulation), 1956. The interest of the tribals in the land situated in the reserved areas are fully protected under the provision of the regulation. The tribal reserves have been notified as reserved or protected forest reserve.</p>	-
Daman & Diu	<p>The Administration of Daman & Diu has made a reference to this Ministry that the term "State Government" has not been defined under the Act or the Rules thereof. As Daman & Diu is a UT, they have not been able to constitute the prescribed Committees for implementing the Act. The Administration had requested that the term "State Government" may be defined that the State Government in relation to the Union Territories is the Administrator appointed under Article 239 of the Constitution of India.</p> <p>The Ministry had clarified the above issue to the Administration of Daman & Diu in the month of January, 2009.</p>	No progress. MHA has been informed.
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1) Appointment of a Nodal officer	Yes
	2) Status of formation of various Committees (a) SDLC (b) DLC (c)SLMC	Yes Yes Yes
	3) Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Yes
	4) Creation of Awareness about the provision of the Act and the Rules	Yes
	5) Arrangements made for the training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members	Yes
	6) Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by the Gram Sabhas	-
	7) No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	-
	8) No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	-
	9) No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	-
	10) No. of claims approved by DLC for title	-
	11) Number of titles distributed	-
	12) No. of claims rejected	-

	13) Projected date for distribution of title deeds	No projected date fixed so far by the State Government.M/o Tribal Affairs has EMPHASISED FOR DEC. 2009.
	14) <u>Problems/Remarks:</u> The administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli has informed this Ministry that despite notices in advance and propaganda, it has been difficult to hold gram sabha meetings in absence of quorum of 2/3 of all members of such gram sabhas. All out efforts are being made for constitution of Forest Rights Committees in all the gram sabhas. Position in this regard will be known shortly.	
Lakshadweep	The UT Administration has intimated that there are no terrestrial forests and no forest tribes or traditional forest dwellers in Lakshadweep.	
Puducherry	The Government of Puducherry has informed that there are no recognized Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory of Puducherry and also no land in Puducherry is classified as "Forest Land" coming within the definition of Clause 2(d) of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.	

Annexure-II**(A) Statement of claims and distribution of title deeds under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006****(As on 31.12.2009)**

S. No	State	Number of claims received upto 30.11.09	Claims received during the current month	Total number of claims received upto 31.12.09	Title deeds Distributed/ ready upto 30.11.09	Title deeds distributed/ ready during the current month	Total number of titles deeds distributed/ ready upto 31.12.09
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3,25,105 {3,18,037 individual and 7,068 community}	713	3,25,818 {3,18,750 individual and 7,068 community}	1,73,052 distributed	282 distributed	1,73,334 distributed
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.	Assam	66,546 (63,448 individual and 3098 community)	34,908 (33,663 individual and 1245 community)	1,01,454 (97,111 individual and 4,343 community)	-	12,056 distributed (12,008 individual and 48 community)	12,056 distributed (12,008 individual and 48 community)
4.	Bihar	788	-	788	-	-	-
5.	Chhattisgarh	4,57,857	19,452	4,77,309	1,92,088 distributed	8,718 distributed	2,00,806 distributed
6.	Goa	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Gujarat	1,85,222 (1,77,055 individual and 8,167 community)	1,112	1,86,334 (1,78,207 individual and 8,127 community)	7,584 distributed	-	7,584 distributed
8.	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.	Jharkhand	4,539	20,681	25,220 (24,847 individual and 371 community)	72 distributed including 2 community rights	2,433 distributed	2,505 distributed
10.	Karnataka	45,801	-	45,801	-	-	-
11.	Kerala	36,448 (35,310 individual and 1138 community).	359 (333 individual and 26 community)	36,807 (35,643 individual and 1164 community).	23 distributed	85 distributed	108 distributed
12.	Madhya Pradesh	3,71,993	12,473	3,84,466 (3,78,559 individual and 5907 community)	47,460 distributed and 39,779 ready.	25,025 distributed	72,485 distributed and 31,185 ready.

S. No	State	Number of claims received upto 30.11.09	Claims received during the current month	Total number of claims received upto 31.12.09	Title deeds Distributed/ ready upto 30.11.09	Title deeds distributed/ ready during the current month	Total number of titles deeds distributed/ ready upto 31.12.09
13.	Maharashtra	2,79,540	24,420	3,03,960	2,453 distributed	-	2,453 distributed
14.	Manipur	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	Meghalaya	-	-	-	-	-	-
16.	Mizoram	-	-	-	-	-	-
17.	Orissa	3,06,034 (3,04,336 individual and 1,698 community)	23,480 (23,283 individual and 197 community)	3,29,514 (3,27,619 individual and 1,895 community)	50,190 distributed	47,405 distributed	97,595 (97,537 individual and 58 community) distributed
18.	Rajasthan	59,557 (59,239 individual and 318 community)	343	59,900	6,454 distributed	7,613 distributed	14,067 distributed
19.	Sikkim	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.	Tamil Nadu	8,352	1,003	9,355	-	1,764 ready*	1,764 ready*
21.	Tripura	1,62,819	1907	1,64,726	82,741 distributed	2009 distributed	84,750 distributed
22.	Uttar Pradesh	52,736	17,297	70,033	-	3302 distributed and 4604 ready	3302 distributed and 4604 ready
23.	Uttarakhand	-	182	182	-	-	-
24.	West Bengal	1,41,783 (1,31,664 individual and 10,119 community)	-	1,41,783 (1,31,664 individual and 10,119 community)	11,110 distributed and 3,894 ready	6250 distributed	17,360 distributed and 403 ready
25.	A & N Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-
26.	Daman & Diu	-	-	-	-	-	-
27.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	25,05,120	1,58,330	26,63,450	5,73,227 distributed and 43,693 ready.	1,15,178 distributed and 6,368 ready	6,88,405 distributed and 37,956 ready.

* In the State of Tamil Nadu, titles could not be distributed due to restrictive High Court's order.

(B) Statement showing ranking in terms of percentage of titles distributed over number of claims received in each State under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006

(As on 31.12.2009)

S. No	State	Total number of claims received upto 31.12.09	Total number of titles deeds distributed/ ready upto 31.12.09	Percentage of titles distributed over number of claims received
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3,25,818	1,73,334 distributed	53.20%
2.	Tripura	1,64,726	84,750 distributed	51.45%
3.	Chhattisgarh	4,77,309	2,00,806 distributed	42.07%
4.	Orissa	3,29,514	97,595 distributed	29.62%
5.	Rajasthan	59,900	14,067 distributed	23.48%
6.	Madhya Pradesh	3,84,466	72,485 distributed and 31,185 ready.	18.85%
7.	West Bengal	1, 41,783	17,360 distributed and 403 ready	12.24%
8.	Assam	1,01,454	12,056 distributed	11.88%
9.	Jharkhand	25,220	2,505 distributed	9.93%
10.	Uttar Pradesh	70,033	3302 distributed and 4604 ready	4.71%
11.	Gujarat	1,86,334	7,584 distributed	4.07%
12.	Maharashtra	3,03,960	2,453 distributed	0.80%
13.	Kerala	36,807	108 distributed	0.29%
14.	Karnataka	45,801	Nil	0.00%
15.	Tamil Nadu#	9,355	1,764 ready#	0.00%#
16.	Bihar	788	Nil	0.00%
17.	Uttarakhand	182	Nil	0.00%
18.	Arunachal Pradesh*	-	-	-
19.	Goa*	-	-	-
20.	Himachal Pradesh*	-	-	-
21.	Manipur*	-	-	-
22.	Meghalaya*	-	-	-
23.	Mizoram*	-	-	-

S. No	State	Total number of claims received upto 31.12.09	Total number of titles deeds distributed/ ready upto 31.12.09	Percentage of titles distributed over number of claims received
24	Sikkim*	-	-	-
25	A & N Islands*	-	-	-
26	Daman & Diu*	-	-	-
27	Dadra & Nagar Haveli*	-	-	-
	Total	26,63,450	6,88,405 distributed and 37,956 ready.	25.84%

* No claims received.

Restrictive High Court's order.

Annexure-III**List of States/UTs that are not uploading the web-site <http://forestrights.gov.in> :**
(As on 31.12.2009)**(A) List of States Not Entering Committee Data:**

1. ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS
2. ARUNACHAL PRADESH
3. DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI
4. DAMAN AND DIU
5. GOA
6. GUJARAT
7. MEGHALAYA
8. MIZORAM
9. SIKKIM
10. TAMIL NADU
11. UTTARANCHAL
12. UTTAR PRADESH

(B) List of States Not Entering Claim Data:

1. ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS
2. ASSAM
3. ARUNACHAL PRADESH
4. DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI
5. DAMAN AND DIU
6. GOA
7. GUJARAT
8. HIMACHAL PRADESH
9. KERALA
10. KARNATAKA
11. MIZORAM
12. MANIPUR
13. MEGHALAYA
14. SIKKIM
15. TAMIL NADU
16. UTTARANCHAL
17. UTTAR PRADESH
18. WEST BENGAL

(C) List of States/UTs that have not distributed any titles so far:

1. ARUNACHAL PRADESH
2. BIHAR
3. GOA
4. HIMACHAL PRADESH
5. KARNATAKA
6. MANIPUR
7. MEGHALAYA
8. MIZORAM
9. SIKKIM
10. TAMIL NADU (because of restrictive High Court's order)
11. UTTARANCHAL
12. DAMAN & DIU
13. DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI

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