

**Action Plan of Goa State
on
implementation for Forest Rights Act**

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Summary of Achievements on implementation of FRA

- **Forest Rights Committees have started receiving claims from the month of October 2012 .**
- **During the period from October 2012 till 27th November 2012, Forest Rights Committees have received**
 - **5542 claims for individual rights and**
 - **116 claims for the Community Rights.**

Action Plan for Training and awareness raising on FRA

- ❑ State Level Workshop organized for the Officials to sensitize officials about the FRA.
- ❑ Basic Training to the Forest Rights Committees to receive claims is given.
- ❑ Training of Master Trainers to train the trainers/Officers is fixed in the first week of December 2012. Resource persons are being brought from other States.
- ❑ Training to the FRCs, SDLCs and DLCs will be conducted by these Master Trainers in the period from December 2012 to January 2013.

Awareness Raising on FRA



- ❑ Use of NSS, NYK in creating Awareness about the functions, powers and duties of the Gramsabha
- ❑ Legal aid programmes were organized for the population residing in Forest Areas
- ❑ meetings were organized at the Hamlet level through local NGOs for creating awareness about the process of filing claims before the Forest Rights Committees.

Action Plan for formation of Forest Rights Committees

- ❑ 2 Districts, 7 Sub Divisions, 158 villages have been listed for the implementation of the Act.
- ❑ List of Gramsabha (adult members)of all the Hamlets, Villages have been prepared and used for conducting the Gramsabha meetings.
- ❑ Till date in all 129 FRCs have been constituted.
- ❑ 43 FRCs will be re-constituted to meet the requirement of 2/3rd ST members and in 29 Villages where FRCs could not be formed for want of Quorum.
- ❑ Arrangements are being made in all total 72 Villages for constitution of FRCs by Gramsabha in the month of December 2012.

Formation of DLC and SDLC



- ❑ State Level Committee have been notified vide notification dated 9.06.2011
- ❑ Two District Level Committees have been notified vide notification dated 9.06.2011
- ❑ Sub. Divisional Level Committees in 7 sub-Divisions notified vide notification dated 9.06.2011. One SDLC is to be formed.
- ❑ Dharbandora Sub Division is a new Sub Division carved out of Quepem Sub Division and SDLC is being formed in the first fortnight of December 2012.

Community Forest Rights

- ❑ Out of 129 FRCs constituted, there are only 27 Gramsabhas which have received claims for the Community Rights in the State of Goa.
- ❑ Information on community rights as reflected in working plan of the forests is being obtained by 31st December 2012.
- ❑ Awareness camps are planned from the month of December 2012 to March 2013 to create understanding of the rights amongst the forest dwellers.
- ❑ By 31st March 2013, all the Gramsabhas would be able to claim community rights

Action Plan for Community Forest Resource Rights

- ❑ Non of the villages have claimed CFR rights under [Sec.3(1)(i)]
- ❑ Capacity building through trainings and awareness drives will help us to achieve the target of filing claims for CFR rights by 31st March 2013.

Habitat, Forest Villages, Pastoralists



- ❑ Goa State do not have PTGs and pre-agricultural communities
- ❑ There are no Forest Villages in Goa.
- ❑ All the settlements have records in the revenue village survey records.

Recognizing rights of pastoralists and nomadic communities



- ❑ Rights of pastoralists and nomadic communities is yet to be recognized.
- ❑ Socio Economic Survey would be conducted for the forest Dwellers in the month of January-February 2013
- ❑ Information collected from the Socio Economic survey will help us in facilitating the process of filing claim for these rights by Pastoralists and nomadic communities.

Protected Areas



- ❑ Process of recognition of rights begun in all protected areas.
 1. Mahavir Wild Life Sanctuary
 2. Cotigao Wild Life sanctuary
 3. Madhai Wild Life Sanctuary
 4. Bondla Wild Life Sanctuary
 5. Netravali Wild Life Sanctuary
 6. Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary

Action Plan for Grievance Redressal

- Following Officers are made responsible to provide speedy redressal for the grievances of the forest dwellers and act as facility points for the forest dwelling ST and OTFD .
 - Mamlatdars/BDOs at every taluka
 - SDMs at the Sub Divisional Level
 - District Collectors at the District level
- Facility of Toll free number will be installed centrally by January 2013 to provide real time response to the grievances of the forest dwellers.

Strategy for Monitoring and Evaluation



- ❑ Sub Divisional Level Officer is made responsible for monitoring and evaluation at the level of SDLC
- ❑ District Collector is made responsible for monitoring and evaluation at the level of DLC.
- ❑ Chief Secretary is monitoring and evaluating the progress at the level of SLMC

Monitoring and evaluation frame work

| Officer | Monitoring and evaluation | time |
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| Chief Secretary Government of Goa | SLMC meeting once in every three months | |
| Secretary (Tribal welfare) | Review Meeting with all heads of line department once in every month | on 20th of every month. |
| District Collectors | review the progress on fortnightly basis by holding DLC meeting | on every 15th day of the Month and 30th of the Month. |
| Sub Divisional Magistrates | would review the progress on weekly basis by holding SDLC meeting | on every 7th day of the month, 14th day of the month, 21st day of the month and 28th of the month. |
| Block Development Officers | review the progress of the work twice a week. | Tuesday and Friday |

Strategy for Post Recognition of Rights Support



- ❑ Arrangements are being made in all Villages for constitution of Committee to manage Forest Resources under Rule 4 (1) (e) by Gramsabha's in the month of December 2012.
- ❑ Trainings to these Committees have been planned in the month of January 2012.

Plans to link the rights holders with existing development and welfare plans and programmes



- ❑ Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes are given priority for giving benefits under various government Schemes.
- ❑ Sahayata Scheme for organizing awareness camps, programmes on schemes of the departments of tribal welfare, social welfare, agriculture, animal husbandry, Rural Development, Panchayats, Revenue, Forest Department etc.
- ❑ Providing financial assistance to ST and OTFD for buying milking cows under Dudhgram scheme of animal husbandry.

welfare plans and programmes



- ❑ Financial assistance to students for travelling to colleges and for incurring expenses on food under Gagan Bharari Scheme for the Students taking post matric education.
- ❑ Pre-matric Scholarship
- ❑ Children of ST Widows are provided financial assistance of Rs. 1500/- p.m. and for orphans Rs. 2000/- per month for maintenance upto the age of 18 years.
- ❑ Loans for Self employment by Goa State ST Finance Development corporations.

Welfare schemes

- ❑ Financial grant to NGOs for running Hostels so that ST students get facility to study at Schools away from their home.
- ❑ Under the Scheme Prashikshan Yatra, Schools are given financial assistance of amount upto Rs. 1 lakh to conduct study tours for the students outside the State for a period upto 10 days.
- ❑ Construction of Ashram School in the vicinity of the Cotigao wild life Sanctuary with 500 seats for providing residential school facility for students residing in remote forested areas

Schemes

- ❑ Under the Scheme Atal Asara, Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes are eligible for financial assistance up to Rs. 2.5 Lakhs for construction of new house and up to 1 lakh for repairs of the dwelling house.
- ❑ Scheme to construct Multipurpose Community Halls of cost up to 50 Lakhs with facility for Special Anganwadi, Reading Room, Recreation room and Hall with seating capacity upto 300 persons. The facility will be used for conducting trainings, meetings of the Forest Rights Committees and for marriage purposes by the forest dwellers .

Final Commitments from the State



- ❑ Forest Rights Act implementation will be done in a mission mode to reach out its benefits to the Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes and OTFD within the targeted time of 31st December 2013.