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Dear

As you are aware, this Ministry has issued comprehensive guidelines to the State/UT Governments on the implementation of the Forest Rights Act 2006 on 12th July, 2012 to address some problems that were impeding the implementation of the Act in its letter and spirit and also notified the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Amendment Rules 2012 on 6th September, 2012 to plug certain procedural lacunae in the existing Forest Rights Rules 2008.

2. In order to develop further clarity on the implementation of the Act and to discuss the amended Rules, the Ministry also organized a series of regional workshops, nation-wide during the period September - November, 2012, with a view to orient the key State Departments responsible for implementation of the Act about the provisions of the amended Rules. The regional consultations were followed by a national review-cum-orientation meeting with all the States on Forest Rights Act, 2006 on 3rd December, 2012 at New Delhi wherein, besides reviewing the progress on the implementation of the Act by the States, the final Action Plans prepared by the State Governments for streamlining the implementation of the Act in accordance with the amended Rules were also discussed.

3. The Forest Rights Amended Rules 2012, notified by this Ministry on 6th September, 2012, require the State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) to meet once in three months to monitor the process of recognition, verification and vesting of forest rights and to furnish a quarterly report to the Central Government in the format appended as Annexure-V to these Rules. After the notification of the amended Rules, the quarterly reports from the SLMC for the quarters ended on 31st December, 2012 and 31st March, 2013 have become due for submission to the Central Government. Letter from US(FRA) dated 21st January, 2013 followed by reminders dated 7th February and 14th March, 2013 have already been issued in this regard. However, the Ministry is yet to receive the quarterly reports. I would like to request you to direct the concerned officers in the State Tribal Welfare Department to send the requisite reports from the SLMC to this Ministry along with the status on implementation of Forest Rights Act as per Action Plan prepared by the State at an early date.

4. Please also find enclosed a copy of the proceedings of the national meeting on Forest Rights Act held at New Delhi on 3rd December, 2012 for information and necessary action.

5. I look forward to your support in implementing this Act in letter and spirit.

Regards

Yours sincerely,

(Vibha Puri Das)

To

All the Chief secretaries of States/UTs
(As per the list attached)

Copy to:

All the Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/commissioner,
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