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Tribal Development Department
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla

From

Commissioner(Tribal Dev.)
Himachal Pradesh, Bijlani House, Shimla-171002

To

1. Sh. Ravi Thakur, Hon'ble MLA, Lahaul-Spiti
Distt. Lahaul-Spiti, H.P
2. Sh. Ram Singh, Advocate,
VPO Ropa, Tehsil Pooh, Distt. Kinnaur, H.P
3. Sh. Bhajan Singh Thakur,
VPO Bharmour, Tehsil Bharmour
Distt. Chamba, H.P.
4. The Addl. Chief Secretary -cum- FC (Revenue) to the
Govt. of H.P. Shimla-2
5. The Principal Secretary (Panchayati Raj) to the
Govt. of H.P. Shimla-2
6. The Principal Secretary (Forests) to the
Govt. of H.P. Shimla-2
7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest,
H.P. Shimla-1

Dated

Shimla-2

th 27 May, 2013

Subject:-

Proceedings of the meeting of State Level Monitoring Committee held on 22.05.2013 at 11.00 AM regarding Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith the proceedings of the meeting of the State Level Monitoring Committee regarding Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 held on 22nd May, 2013 at 11.00 AM under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of H.P for your information and necessary action please

Yours faithfully,


Additional Commissioner (TD)
H.P. Shimla-2

Endst No. & Dated:- As above.

Copy for information and immediate necessary action :-

1. All Deputy Commissioners, H.P.
2. The Under Secretary(TD) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla-2.


Additional Commissioner (TD)
H.P. Shimla-2

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF STATE LEVEL MONITORING COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED UNDER SCHEDULED TRIBES AND OTHER TRADITIONAL FOREST DWELLERS (RECOGNITION OF FOREST RIGHTS) ACT, 2006 HELD ON 22-5-2013 AT 3-00 P.M. UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CHIEF SECRETARY, HIMACHAL PRADESH.

List of Members/Officers present in the meeting is placed at Annexure "A".

After detailed discussion regarding implementation of the Act, the following decisions were taken:-

1. Since the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is to be implemented throughout the State, it was decided that Forest Rights Committee at Gram Sabha Level, Sub Division Level Committee and District Level Committee be constituted on priority. The Department of Panchayati Raj will ensure that Gram Sabha Meeting at village level instead of Panchayat level are held to constitute Gram Sabha Level Committee as stipulated in the Act without any further delay. If required, the Special Gram Sabha meetings may be held. All Deputy Commissioners will send proposals to constitute Sub Division Level Committee and District Level Committee under the Act without any further delay.
2. It was pointed out by the Hon'ble Non Official Member that the Forest Department has initiated eviction proceedings against Forest Dwellers who are eligible for Forest Rights under FRA. It was also pointed out that under Section 4(5) of the FRA there is a clear provision that no member of a forest dwelling Scheduled Tribe or other traditional forest dweller shall be evicted or removed from forest land under his occupation till the recognition and verification procedure is complete. It was decided that Forest Department will file an affidavit before the Hon'ble Court for obtaining further orders in the light of provisions of

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grant of Forest Rights to Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers under the FRA.

3. There is a need to disseminate information regarding provision/implementation of this Act amongst the field functionaries, Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers. It was decided that training/awareness camps throughout the State will be held. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GOI will be requested to send Resource Persons for these training/awareness camps.
4. In order to ensure that there is no contradiction between the provisions of FRA and the instructions issued by the State government from time to time, it was decided that a copy of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act/Rules and instructions issued by different department from time to time including proceedings of the State Level Monitoring Committee Meeting will be circulated to all members who will examine the matter of bringing the instructions issued so far by different departments in consonance with the FRA and shall send their inputs to the Tribal Development Department for consideration in next meeting of State Level Monitoring Committee.
5. The Tribal Development Department has presence in Kinnaur, Lahual-Spiti Districts and Pangi and Bharmour Sub Divisions of Chamba District only. It was decided that the matter to transfer the implementation of the Act to Revenue Department, which has presence in all the district and is directly connected with the land revenue matters, be examined.



Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman,
State Level Monitoring Committee (FRA), H.P.

Annexure "A"

List of the Members/Officers present in the meeting:-

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| 1. | Sh. Ram Singh Negi | Member, TAC/SLMC |
| 2. | Sh. Bhajan Singh Thakur | Member, TAC/SLMC |
| 3. | Sh. P. Mitra | ACS (Revenue) |
| 4. | Sh. Vineet Chawdhry | ACS (Forests) |
| 5. | Sh. V.C. Pharka | Pr. Secretary (TD) |
| 6. | Sh. S.K.B.S. Negi | Pr. Secretary (Panchayati Raj) |
| 7. | Sh. R. K. Gupta | Pr. CCF |
| 8. | Sh. Sandeep Kadam | D.C. Chamba |
| 9. | Sh. B.S. Thakur | D.C. Lahaul Spiti |
| 10. | Capt. J.M. Pathania | D.C. Kinnaur |
| 11. | Sh. Ajay Kumar | Addl. Pr. CCF (FCA) |
| 12. | Sh. Hira Lal Rana | DFO, Lahaul |
| 13. | Sh. Rajeev Sharma | DFO, Spiti |