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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/Forest) 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 Chief Conservator of Forest,
H.P. Shimla-1

Dated

Shimla-2

30th March, 2015

Subject:-

Proceedings of the meeting of State Level Monitoring Committee held on 26.03.2015 at 3.00 PM constituted under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of H.P.

Sir/Madam,

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 26th March, 2015 at 3.00 PM 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 to the Under Secretary(Tribal Dev.) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla-2 for information.

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 26-03-2015 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".

The following items were discussed and decisions taken are shown below against each item:-

1. Constitution of Forest Rights Committee (FRC) at village level as per guidelines finalized by the Committee:

The committee was informed that out of 18055 revenue villages Forest Rights Committees (FRCs) have been constituted in 14206 villages. The Director, Panchayati Raj informed that Gram Sabha meetings have been called through out the State on 05-04-2015 and all efforts will be made to constitute remaining committees.

2. Training under Forest Rights Act (FRA):

Director, Panchayati Raj informed that in the first phase the training to the master trainers will be given who will be sent to field to prepare other trainers. The committee approved that Panchayati Raj Department can get the training organized through HIPA, Fairlawns Shimla. The funds for training will be provided by the Tribal Development Department as per requirements in a phased manner. However, this may be got done expeditiously.

3. **Clarification regarding exemption of application of the Act in the State:**

Dropped in view of the Law Department advice that the State Government has no power under the Act to exempt or exclude any area.

4. **To take up matter with Central Ministry for in-principal approval for making Revenue Department as Nodal Department for the implementation of the Act.**

Dropped in view of the clarification by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GoI that Tribal Development Department would be Nodal Department.

5. **Matter regarding forest rights claims already processed by Forest Rights Committees constituted at Panchayat level in Scheduled Areas:**

The committee perused the advice of Law Department. The item was dropped.

6. **Project clearance under FRA:**

Chief Secretary desired that all Deputy Commissioners be directed to coordinate for expeditious disposal of cases under Forest Rights Act by the FRCs, SDLCs, DLCs. It was also decided that if development departments like PWD, MPP & Power and IPH have any cases for clearance under FRA, they should immediately approach the FRCs for considering and taking immediate action on the claims as per the procedure laid down in the Forest Rights Act/Rules.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the chair.

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Annexure "A"

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

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| 1. | Sh. Ravi Thakur | Hon'ble MLA, Lahaul & Spiti |
| 2. | Sh. Bhajan Singh Thakur | Member, TAC/SLMC |
| 3. | Sh. V.C. Pharka | Addl. Chief Secretary-cum-CTD |
| 4. | Sh. S.C. Srivastava | Pr. CCF |
| 5. | Dr. VRR Singh | Addl. Pr. CCF (FCA) |
| 6. | Dr. Ajay Sharma | Director (RD &PR) |
| 7. | Sh. Rakesh Sharma | Spl. Secretary-cum-AC (TD) |