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(भारत सरकार की एक स्वयत्त संस्था)

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Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education

(An autonomous Body of Ministry of Environment & Forests)

Government of India

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Dated: 2nd April, 2010

To,

The Chief Secretary
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Vallabh Bhavan,
Bhopal- 462 003

Sub: National Committee to study the Implementation of the "The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006" - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to inform that a joint committee of Ministry of Environment & Forests and Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India has been constituted under the chairmanship of Dr M C Saxena, IAS (Rtd.), Former Secretary, Planning Commission, Government of India, to study the Implementation of the "The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006" vide MoEF, Government of India, Notification No. 12-1/2006-FP dated 16.04.2010 (Copy enclosed). The committee has been mandated to study in detail the implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 including factors that are aiding and impeding its implication.

The committee shall recommend necessary policy changes in the future management of the forestry sector in India, which may be necessary as a consequence of implementation of Forest Rights Act. The committee shall identify the role of various agencies (officials and others) in facilitating forest dwellers in carrying out their roles regarding conservation and management of forests as per the Act.

The committee shall also identify opportunities for and recommend measures to ensure convergence of various beneficiary oriented programmes for the forest rights holders taken up by various line departments in the state. The committee shall define a new role for the Forest department vis-à-vis the Gram Sabha for forest conservation and regeneration.

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Towards this end, the committee shall, wherever possible, also hold consultations on all relevant issues soliciting the inputs of the concerned stakeholders. It is, therefore, requested that all possible help may please be extended to the committee for carrying out above mandate.

I shall be grateful if the views of the state government on issues listed in the attached Terms of Reference are communicated to us for consideration of the Committee. In particular, the Committee would like to know the steps taken by your government to implement the Act and study the circulars that have been issued by the state government from time to time.

This may please be brought to the kind notice of the Tribal Welfare and Forest Departments and the District Collectors of your state.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above


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