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To,

- (1) Chief Secretaries, All States/UTs
- (2) Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi
- (3) Secretary, Ministry of Rural & Development, New Delhi
- (4) Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi
- (5) Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice, New Delhi
- (6) Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, New Delhi
- (7) Director, PMO, South Block, New Delhi

Sub: Revisions to the Terms of Reference of MoEF notification dated 11th February, 2010

Sir,

In partial modification of this Ministry's communication of even number dated 11th February, 2010, I have been directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Proposed Revisions to the Terms of Reference of MoEF notification dated 11th February, 2010 indicating therein the Revised Composition of the Committee and the Revised Terms of Reference.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: as above

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The Revised Terms of Reference shall be as follows:

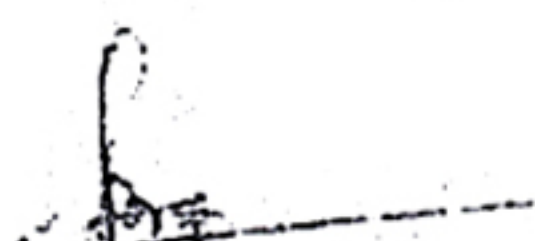
1. The Committee shall study in detail the implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 including factors that are aiding and impeding its implementation.
2. The Committee shall recommend necessary policy changes in the future management of the forestry sector in India which may be necessary as a consequence of implementation of Forest Rights Act.
3. The Committee shall identify the role of various agencies (official and others) in facilitating forest-dwellers in carrying out their roles regarding conservation and management of forests as envisaged in the Act.
4. The Committee shall 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 states.
5. The Committee shall, wherever possible, hold public consultations on all relevant issues soliciting the inputs of the concerned stakeholders.
6. The Committee shall extend full support to the Ministry for Tribal Affairs in their efforts to enforce and implement the Forest Rights Act.
7. The Committee shall define a new role for the Forest Department vis-à-vis the Gram Sabha for forest conservation and regeneration.
8. Any other matter which the Committee feels is ancillary or incidental to the purposes of its establishment.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt any specialists that it may feel necessary and in furtherance of the purposes of its establishment.

The Committee shall submit its report within six months from the date of its constitution.

This is issued with the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.


Dr. Bachittar Singh
Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
13.4.2010


Dr. PB Gangopadhyay,
Additional Director General of Forests
13.4.2010