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10. The Forest Rights' Committee of the Gram Sabha which is empowered under the Impugned Act to receive and process claims preferred by persons in actual occupation of forest land as on 13th December, 2005 has in respect of five States for which data was available viz. Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tripura, Karnataka and Odisha, received a total of 13,84,700 claims. After verification, the Gram Sabhas have rejected a total of 1,71,385 claims and forwarded 12,13,315 claims to the Sub-divisional Level Committee. Thus the approval ratio of individual Claims at the Gram Sabhas level in the said five States is as high as 87.41%.

11. After further processing of such claims by the Sub-divisional Level Committee (SDLC) and the District Level Committee (DLC), the total number of claims finally approved is 6,00,326. Thus, the ratio of approved claims of the Gram Sabha and finally approved claims by the DLC is 54.07%. In other words, only 54% of the claims processed by the Gram Sabhas have been found to be in order by the DLC and granted titles. This clearly shows that the Gram Sabhas which is the first tier in the process of recognition of claims under the Impugned Act has largely failed to filter out false claims due to lack of capabilities and also due to inherent conflict of interest as claims of a fellow member of the Gram Sabha is processed by another fellow