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involved with respect to both individual and community claims, number of claims allowed in both categories and extent of such areas within national parks and sanctuaries (Protected Areas) and whether they have been precisely geo-referenced and demarcated on the ground. This has become necessary considering the fact that the scheme of the Impugned Act provides grant of all types of rights which are vague, their extent is not clearly defined and the manner of their grant is without proper adjudication by a judicial body, consequently vast tracts of forest land deep inside Protected Areas are being claimed and handed over and that too without proper verification. The above sought information will make it easy to ascertain the number of false claims and the extent of forest land which has been illegally occupied by encroachers and what steps have been taken by the respondent States to recover such forest lands after removing such encroachers.

21. The Impugned Act contemplates the declaration of national parks and sanctuaries as Critical Wildlife Habitat (CWH) for the protection and conservation of wildlife, however not a single national park or sanctuary has been notified even five years after the Impugned Act became operational. Clause (b) of Section 2 defines "Critical Wildlife Habitat" to be area of national parks and sanctuaries which are required to be kept inviolate for the purpose of wildlife conservation after establishing on scientific and objective the basis, to be notified by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India (Respondent No. 2) in consultation by an Expert Committee