

Forest dwellers have been illegally evicted or displaced from forest land prior to 13th December, 2005. But, for those who have voluntarily resettled to forest fringes, the rights can be recognized in their present place of living in accordance with Section 4(6). Already, titles have been distributed to 655 tribal families from 16 tribal settlements belonging to Mysore district portion of Nagarahole National Park and survey is being conducted for recognition of community rights.

Recognition of forest rights of tribal people is a paramount duty of the department but adhering to the rules while recognizing rights is also very important. Therefore, you are requested to review the complete list of addresses of Scheduled tribes obtained by various departments which provide facilities to Scheduled tribes, to confirm that they are indeed living inside forest and also verify evidences in accordance with clause 1 (a) to 1(i) and 2(a) to 2(c) of Rule 13 of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Rules, 2008 and Sections 4(3) and 4(6) of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) while recognizing forest rights.

Yours faithfully

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- Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Bangalore for information
- Chief Conservator of Forest, Project Tiger, Mysore, for information
- Assistant Commissioner, Sub-Divisional Level Committee, Madikeri Sub-Division, Kodagu District, Madikeri for information
- Project Coordinator, Total Tribal Development Project, Madikeri for information
- Assistant Conservator for Forest, Hunsur Wildlife Sub-Division & Nagarahole Wildlife Sub-Division for information
- Range Forest Officers: Anechowkur Wildlife Range, Kallahalla Wildlife Range and Nagarahole Wildlife Range for information