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politicians, which motivated them for taking wrong decisions. On the ground ;for example: Recently the Jalgaon District Collector Issued stay order in the matter land directed Dy. Conservator of Forest, Yawal not to take any action regarding eviction of encroachment on 15/01/2013(Ref. letter VNK/4/2013). He not yet fully withdrew the stay order after promising us in the Morcha organised by Satpuda Bachav & Jungal Bachav Samiti on March-21, 2012. We raised this particular issue so many times on various forums for the withdrawal of stay order.

This is also very unfortunate that the Sub-Divisional officer-Bhusawal issued updated order on April-1, 2013 after raising objection by us before the District Collector immediately after our Morcha . He issued updated (point No.1) order. 'This particular stay order is for those claimant who submitted their claim to Village level Forest Right Committee' within the frame work and list of the claimant also enclosed in annexure-A; in this list he has covered all 2750 claims including all controversial claims and totally misleader to the people of our region.

Both the stay orders created havoc in the forest of Jalgaon district, which also created wrong impression among the people in and outside the Satpuda; they thought that their claims will be sanctioned definitely in future. This act also motivated for fresh encroachment which happening continuously.

In this regards The Additional Principal Conservator of Forest also sent letter to the Principal Secretary, Forest on 22/2/2013 (Ref. No.Desk-12/Land/3/FRA/ CR-331/1039/2012- and the Deputy Secretary (Forest) on 12-06-2013 Mr. Sanjeev Gaud also sent letter to the District Collector, Jalgaon (ref. No.S-10, 2013-255/F-3) he clear cut mentioned that the stay order given by the District Administration is totally against the provision of law.

'It was great violation of The Wildlife Protection Act, The Forest Act, The Biodiversity Act etc. Now question is that who is responsible for the continues latest encroachment and massive forest cutting after this particular stay order in Yawal wildlife Sanctuary and surrounding forest ? After the continues efforts now stay order has withdrawn and action also taken placed against illegal encroachment in Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary from February-1, 2014.'

The Review Committee on FRA (Dr. Saxena Committee)

The Ministry of Environment, Govt. of India appointed the Review Committee on implementation of FRA in 2010 under the Chairmanship of Dr. N. C. Saxena. This expert committee had visited all over India and organized field visits, community dialogue and discussion session with all stake holders and prepared comprehensive review report on implementation of FRA. The review committee also pointed out that the situation in Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary is alarming due to illegal encroachment and grass misuse of FRA (page no.129). The committee also published satellite images of pre and post 2005 scenario of the Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary in its eye opening reports. The recommendations of the committee were very significant for the effective implementation of FRA; unfortunately nobody taken seriously all the recommendations including the Government, Activists, Voluntary Organisations etc.

The Satpuda Bachav Kruti Samiti also had given written presentation with comportsment wise video shooting (DVD) of the illegal encroachment in the Satpuda region of Jalgaon District before the Saxena Committee. We are continually showing our concern regarding misuse of FRA from the beginning by organizing Save Satpuda Conference, Vasundhara Festival, Panchyat Parishad, Dharme Andolan, Morchas etc. But all these constructive activities are against the flow in the river....because the organisations like Lok Sangharsh Morch (LSM), Satyashodhak Gramin Kashtakari Sabha (SGKS) are misleading the poor tribal and motivated