

In this UT, tribals hold land on community basis as per their tradition / convention and individual ownership of land in the reserve area / reserve forests is not practiced by the tribals, so there seems no request to confer on tribals any special rights in respect of the land held in the reserve area on community basis by them until they themselves come forward and claim for it. In view of this no forest rights have yet been vested in any tribals. Other than the tribals of this UT, none is eligible to acquire lands in the tribal reserve / reserve forests.

Thus, I am directed to state that there is no case of misuse of Forest Right Act in respect of the reserve area of this UT.

Yours faithfully,

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