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Śir/Madam,

The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, popularly known as the Forests Rights Act (FRA), was enacted to correct the 'historic injustice done to forest-dwelling communities'. Broadly speaking, this Act recognizes and vests individual forest-dwellers with forest rights to live in and cultivate forest land that was occupied before 13 Dec 2005 and grants community forest rights to manage, protect, regenerate the forest under section 3(1)(i) and to own and dispose minor forest products from forests where they had traditional access. The implementation of this Act has thrown up a number of issues, ranging from concerns about how committees have been constituted and about high rates of claim rejections and to how exactly forest governance would take place after community forest rights are recognized. There is a need to disseminate knowledge about the provisions of the FRA among the officers dealing with FRA, so that the provisions of the FRA are enforced in letter and spirit which would contribute towards empowerment of the tribes. (Brochure enclosed)

Sub: Seeking nominations for the Course on "Effective Implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006, November 17-21, 2014 - Reg:-

In this context, there is a need to provide knowledge and create awareness about the various provisions of the FRA among the officials who are involved in the implementation of FRA viz., Departments of Tribal Development, Revenue, Forest and Panchayat, Chairpersons and members of Sub-Divisional Committee and Members of District Level Committee so that the provisions of the FRA are enforced in letter and spirit which would ensure tribals gaining community and individual rights over forests land on which they have depended on for many generations. There is also a need to provide a forum for discussion on coordination between different agencies for better implementation of

The National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD & PR), has planned to organize a training programme on "Effective Implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006, during November 17-21, 2014 at Hyderabad. I shall be grateful if you can nominate one or two senior officers/functionaries persons from your organization. While boarding and lodging expenses of the participants will be borne by NIRD, their traveling expenses will have to be borne by the sponsoring organization. Last date for receiving nominations is November 10, 2014.

Yours Sincerely

(V. Annamalai)

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