

We have been informed that most State Governments have filed affidavits in compliance with the order of 29.01.2016 but some of them have not filed any affidavit of compliance. Be that as it may, whatever information has been supplied pursuant to our order dated 29.01.2016 is about two years old. This outdated information may not assist us in disposal of the present batch of writ petitions and transferred cases.

Under the circumstances, we issue a fresh direction to all the State Governments to file a tabular statement in the form of an affidavit indicating the following:-

- (i) The number of claims for the grant of land under the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006;
- (ii) The claims should be divided into claims made by the Scheduled Tribes and separately by other traditional forest dwellers;
- (iii) The number of claims rejected by the State Government in respect of each category;
- (iv) The extent of land over which such claims were made and rejected in respect of each of the two categories;
- (v) Action taken against those claimants whose claims have been rejected;
- (vi) The status of eviction of those claimants whose claims have been rejected and the total extent of area from which they have been evicted;
- (vii) The extent of the area in respect of which eviction has not yet taken place in respect of rejected claims.

The cut-off date for providing this information is 31.12.2017.