

PUC is a DO letter dated 2.5.2018 received from the Joint Secretary to the Govt of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi has sought comments on the issue of Records of Rights issued under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (in short FRA). The replies to the observations for necessary compliance on the part of A&N Islands are given below: -

S. No.	Observation	Reply
(i)	The Record and Rights issued under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 (FRA) should also mention that name of the Caste/ Tribe so that, in future, the people do not have any difficulty in obtaining Caste Certificate	<p>The area inhabited by the Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has been declared as Reserved Areas under The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 and since their interests are fully protected under the said Regulation by exclusively preserving the area for them in which they enjoy unfettered rights to use forest products for their bonafide use, so no claim as such is there for settlement under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.</p> <p>As regards, other Traditional Forest Dwellers, nobody qualifies for being the traditional forest dwellers having resided on the forest land/ tribal reserve for the bonafide livelihood needs for three generations (75 years), prior to 13.12.2005 for the purpose of recognition of forest right under the above said Act.</p>
(ii)	The village maps and the village records should also indicate the community land classified into various categories as per the local revenue	Does not arise in view of reply at (i) above
(iii)	As per the Forest Rights Rules 2007, on completion of the process of settlement of Rights and issue of titles as specified in Annexure-II, III and IV of these Rules, the Revenue and Forest Departments are to prepared a final map of the forest land so vested and the concerned authorities are required to incorporate the forest rights so vested in the revenue and forest records, as the case may be, within the specified period of record updation under the relevant State laws, or within a period of three months, whichever is earlier. Eventually, the right holders under FRA have to be issued Record of Rights under the Revenue Code/ Law so as to mainstream them and	Does not arise in view of reply at (i) above