The Ministry of Tribal welfare has requested to provide the information on conversion of all Forest villages, old habitations, unsurveyed villages etc into revenue villages under Section 3 (1) (h) of the Scheduled Tribes and others Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 vide their letter dated 24.04.2019 (as PUC-I). Now the department concerned has prepared a reply (kindly seen at DFA-I), which is found to be in order.

Further, one more letter dated 11.04.2019 (as PUC-II) was received from the Ministry of Tribal Welfare, wherein, it is requested refer the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order dated 28.02.2019 in which the Hon'ble Court has directed the Chief Secretary to file detailed affidavit including the procedure followed while examining the claims and settlement of the Tribal's, main grounds of rejection, etc. Besides, that, the Hon'ble Court has directed to inform whether, reasoned orders were passed and served to concerned claimants on rejection of claims, monitoring mechanism under the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 and the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Rules, 2008 there under.

In this connection, the department concerned has requested to Smti. G. Indira to prepare a draft affidavit on behalf of this Administration based on affidavit filed previously on the above matter (kindly been seen at DFA-II). As such, both the draft letters are found to be in order. Therefore, the file may be returned to the Tribal Welfare department for further follow up actions.

Submitted please.

Commr-cum-Secretary(Law)

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