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**Minutes of meeting of the Expert committee held in compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India Orders in the writ petitions(s) (civil) No(s) 109/208 Wildlife & ORS. Versus Ministry of Forest and Environment & Ors. (IA 5/2014, 1/2008, 6/2015, 69409/2018, 75108/2018, 75127/2018, 88926/2018) with T.C( c) No. 3/22016(XVI-A held on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at Forest Survey of India, Dehradun**

First Meeting of the Expert committee constituted vide order F. No.22-331/2016-FGD/743A dated 22<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 in compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India Orders in the writ petitions(s) (civil) No(s) 109/208 to Forest Survey of India was held on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Subhash Ashutosh, Director General (DG), FSI. The meeting was attended by Dr. A.K. Jha, Retd, IFS (Former Commissioner Tribal affairs and Director TRTI, Maharashtra-Expert Member, and APCCF) Sh. Uttam Kumar Sharma (Additional Professor, IGNFA-Expert Member), Sh. P.K. Mishra (CCF (IT), Smt. Sunita Jee as representative of the Odisha State Forest Department), Sh. Sushant Sharma, JD (TFID-Member) and Smt. Meenakshi Joshi, JD (FGD-Member). Sh. Anurag Srivastava, APCCF (IT), Madhya Pradesh Forest Department, who is an Expert member in the committee participated in the meeting via video conferencing from Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

Sh. Prakash Lakhchaura, DDG (TFID), Sh. E.Vikram, DD (FGD), Sh. R. Arun Kumar, DD (FGD), Sh. Sunil Chandra, AD, Sh. Abhay Kumar Saxena, AD, Sh. S.K. Agarwal, DD (SM), and other officers and Technical Staff of Forest Survey of India also participated in the deliberations.

Smt. Meenakshi Joshi, Joint Director, FSI welcomed the participants and highlighted on the objectives behind holding the meeting of the Expert Committee for compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court Direction to FSI in the instant case.

DG, FSI in his opening remarks informed the members about the direction given by the Hon'ble Court to FSI in its order dated 13-02-2019 **"Let Forest Survey of India (FSI) make a satellite survey and place on record the encroachment positions and also state the positions after the eviction as far as possible"**.

The above direction has been retained in the subsequent order passed by the Hon'ble Court on 28-02-2019 after the review petition and **has given time up to 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 only to file affidavit in this case**. The DG, FSI apprised the committee members about the action taken by FSI so far:

1. Letters have been sent to all the PCCFs & HoFFs to send the shape files of Geo-referenced boundaries of those land parcels on which claims of Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFD) have been rejected under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006
2. Letter with a similar request have also been sent to the Chief Secretaries of all the 21 States mentioned in the judgment.