Sh. P.K. Mishra, Representative of Odisha Forest Department made a presentation on the Status of claims. He informed the committee that GIS data is available only for accepted claims and no digital information available for rejected claims. In some divisions in the RF areas, point location of claims taken. He also informed that 70% of the claims are in the revenue forest areas. He informed that approx. 1.45 lakh claims were rejected and out of which the major chunk of rejections was at the level of forest right committee. Smt. Sunita Jee informed about the application developed for recording GIS boundaries of the claims and that the department has initiated the data collection pertaining to rejected claims by the SDLC and DLC.

DG, FSI reiterated to all members that the FSI's role is restricted to the scope of the Hon'ble Court's direction and the organization will confine itself to the analysis within the areas for which geo-referenced boundaries are provided by the states. He also emphasized to the representative of the states to respond to FSI communication in the matter at the earliest.

After deliberation following decisions were taken:

- 1. Although FSI has been communicating to all the concerned States for providing Geo-referenced boundaries of the land parcels pertaining to rejected claims but so far there has been no positive responses from the States. Since Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MOTA) is the Nodal Agency under section 11 of the Forest Right Act, 2006, therefore Forest Survey of India will send a communication to MOTA for providing data related to rejected claims to FSI for the purpose of the compliance of the Hon'ble Court directions. A standard format will be prepared to get data on the rejected claims which will include reasons for rejection.
- 2. Since State of Maharashtra followed a standard procedure for digitizing the boundaries of both the accepted and the rejected claims as informed by Expert member Dr. A.K. Jha, FSI should directly communicate with the Nodal Department of State and get the data pertaining to rejected claims for the purpose of analysis. FSI should also request to share the available CARTOSAT I satellite data from Tribal Department of State Government by sending letter to the Chief Secretary, Maharashtra.
- Odisha State Government should provide data to FSI on the rejected claims at the earliest as it is generated by the mobile application developed by the Odisha Government.
- 4. The state of Madhya Pradesh will provide information on the locations, forest compartments, villages wherein claims were rejected at the earliest to FSI as a web service through its portal. In addition, the recently generated RFA data would also be made available to FSI for analysis.
- 5. As regard the methodology to be followed for the purpose of analyzing the rejected claims of the concerned States following decision were taken:
 - In cases where the concerned states are able to provide georeferenced shape files of polygons of land parcels pertaining to