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Subject: Training and use of technology for proper implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

Dear Colleague,

1. During the Review Meeting as part of PRAGATI on 22.04.2015, the Hon'ble Prime Minister has desired that State Governments need to proactively pursue progress in vesting and recognition of forest rights in a time bound manner under The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA, 2006). Emphasis was also laid on training and motivation of officials, Gram Sabha Members and Secretaries of Panchayat so that the progress in vesting of rights in time bound manner may be pursued.
2. For this purpose, it is recommended that extensive training programmes are taken up for officials, Ward Members, Gram Sabha Members, Panchayat Secretaries, field officials of forest, tribal welfare and land administrative departments and Sub-divisional Level Committee (SDLC) and District Level Committee (DLC) members etc. on priority basis. Training must be hands-on and enable people to make bona fide representations for getting forest rights. In many States, FRA, 2006 has been translated in local languages; wherever possible translation of the Act, Rules and guidelines may be made in tribal languages to create wide spread awareness. I would like to remind you that funds have been made available by this Ministry to conduct training and awareness programmes on FRA. States lacking resource persons to conduct the trainings for master trainers can approach the Tribal Research Institute, Bhubaneswar which has also been recognised as the National Resource Centre by this Ministry.
3. Geo-referenced database of vesting of rights and maps may also be created in order to ensure proper implementation of Forest Rights Act. Such data can also be accessed from BHUVAN portal of Department of Space and State Remote Sensing Agency. While some