

Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2019 taken under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India with States/ UTs to Review the implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006 and Rules thereunder and to discuss regarding their preparedness for compliance of the order given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 28.02.2019 in the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 50/2008 & 109/2008 filed by Wildlife Trust of India

1. A meeting was held on 18th June 2019 under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi to review the implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (in short FRA, 2006) in States and UTs and their progress/preparedness for timely implementation of the directions given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 28.02.2019 in WP(C) No.50/2008 & WP(C) No. 109/2008 wherein the Hon'ble Supreme Court has, inter alia, stayed its order dated 13.02.2019 regarding eviction of rejected cases under FRA, 2006. The meeting also aimed to review action taken by States/UTs on the matters discussed as well as directions issued during meeting held on 6th March 2019 on this subject. A list of participants is at **Annexure I**

2. The session opened with the welcome address and introductory remarks from Economic Adviser, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India Shri. Jaideep Singh Kochher. EA recalled the discussion undertaken in the previous meeting held on 6th March 2019 and emphasized that the Forest Rights Act, 2006 provides a framework to recognise and vest the forest rights into the Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers whose rights could not be recognized or recorded earlier. The authorities and procedures for this