

purpose are laid down under Section 6 of FRA and Ministry has time to time provided directions / clarifications for effective implementation of the Act. EA, MoTA expressed the need for the States to follow the procedure as laid down in the Act and Rules thereunder as well as directions issued by the Ministry. Ensuring this, the States need to make their positions clear regarding the number of claimants whose claims have been approved and others whose claims are finally rejected.

3. EA, MoTA also noted the concerns raised by Forest Survey of India (FSI). The Hon'ble Supreme Court in their order dated 28.02.2019 directed FSI to make a satellite survey and place on record the encroachment positions as far as possible in this court before next date of hearing. In this regard, FSI has conveyed low response from the State Governments. EA, MoTA requested State Governments to provide detailed shapefiles for rejected claim area since broad locations would not serve the purpose and submit the same to FSI by 20th June 2019. He advised the State Governments to be in constant contact with FSI regarding the requirements to be fulfilled.

4. Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India while setting the context of the meeting, expressed that the Forest Rights Act talks about undoing historical injustice. The purpose of this meeting is to have an open discussion regarding:

- Issues arising out of FRA implementation in general.
- To share best practices, experiences with each other and how to present before the Supreme Court can be done by interacting with other States.

5. Secretary, MoTA also pointed out that there are a number of rights of varied nature which are provided under FRA. As a result, one Household may file more