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Dated the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

To

The Chief Secretary,  
All the States/UTs

Subject: - Implementation of FRA in States - regarding.

Sir,

With reference to the above subject, an Advisory dated 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2010 (copy enclosed) was issued with regard to the implementation of the Forests Rights Act in the States. The Para 2 of the Advisory which reads as:

*It is requested to issue strict directions that the plots of land should be located on the ground, boundaries surveyed and plotted on a map duly signed by the concerned authorities and Tribal Deptt. to give funds for erecting boundary pillars whose GPS readings should be recorded and entered in revenue and forest department records and on the patta. Where scattered plots of land have been occupied throughout a tract of forest, they may be brought to one corner of the forest to avoid honeycombing and subsequent fragmentation.*

2. The para 2 of the Advisory as stated above, have created some confusion as reported by many States. Further the instructions contained in para 2 of the said Advisory are likely to be misinterpreted and misused.

3. This matter has been further examined in the ministry and it is decided to withdraw the Advisory issued vide letter No. 12-1/2006-FP(Vol.2) dated 23.09.2010 with immediate effect.

4. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Encl: as above.

Yours faithfully,

(Noyal Thomas)

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