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To

The Chief Secretary,  
All the States

**Sub: Implementation of FRA in States.**


**Sir,**

With reference to the above subject, I would like to inform you that this Ministry has received comments from observers that in certain cases, District Collectors are issuing Pattas without proper identification of the actual parcel of (forest) land allotted, and without fixing any boundaries. This means that the patta-holders will have to wander around searching for a suitable piece of (forest) land to occupy, and their right to remain on a piece of (forest) land will always be under question because survey and demarcation has not been done. For the concerned forest officers, also, the situation is fraught with anxiety, as they can be hauled up any day for allowing unauthorised occupation and felling of forest lands.

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.

The compliance of the action may kindly be intimated to MoEF for needful action.

Yours faithfully,

  
(A.M. Singh)  
DIGF(FP)

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