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Government of India  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
FRA Division

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To

The Principal Secretary/Secretary/Commissioner,  
Tribal Welfare Department,  
All State Govt./UT Administrations

Subject:- Use of Space Technology to determine the rights of tribal communities under Forest Right Act, 2006- reg.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India while reviewing the progress of implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006 during PRAGATI conference on 30.08.2017, has emphasized the importance of using space technology in determining the rights of tribal communities and settling their claims expeditiously. In this connection, the following steps needs to be taken by State Governments to cover those who are still deprived of their rights under this Act:-

- (i) Use of technology for creation of geo-referenced database on vesting of rights/correction of record of rights.
- (ii) Awareness among tribal community and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers for generating fresh claims of those individuals and Gram Sabhas who have not even applied for their rights (individuals, community and community forest resource rights). Fresh Gram Sabha meetings needs to be convened in this regard.
- (iii) Suo-motto review of rejected claims.
- (iv) Early disposal of all pending claims.

2. You are, therefore, requested to expedite the process to settle the forest right claims as per the provisions of Forest Rights Act, 2006 and report to this Ministry about the action taken in this regard, at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

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