

the Gram Sabha with specific instructions on the additional required information.

- ✓ 12. After examining the claim, map and the List, the Sub-Divisional Level Committee shall pass it on to the District Level Committee which shall take the necessary steps to recognize the right of conversion for the concerned village. Within two weeks of the decision of the District level Committee, the Collector will initiate necessary proceedings to convert the village into a revenue village and settle the land rights of the residents under revenue laws;

*Provided that* such conversion would in no way curtail or restrict the forest rights of the residents of the converted village;

13. In the case of villages/habitations consisting entirely of Scheduled Tribe inhabitants, or mixed villages with majority of Scheduled Tribe inhabitants, conversion of the village/ habitation should follow **if the settlement existed prior to December 13, 2005.**

14. On finalisation of the lists of hamlets and habitations as provided above, the process of recognition and vesting of rights in these hamlets and habitations shall be undertaken without disturbing any forest rights already recognised.

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