

The recognition and vesting of all forest rights including the settlement and conversion of forest villages and other such villages into revenue villages under Section 3(1)(h) has been exempted from the requirement of Section 2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

As for new Chingen village, it falls under the category of other villages and process of identification of such villages is laid down under rule 2A of the Forest Right Rules, 2008 as further amended and notified on 6.9.2012 (copy of FRR 2013 placed at PP 42-54/C). The process of recognition of rights is laid down under rule 12 A of the amended FRR 2012. Once new Chingen village which said to be under the forests is converted into a revenue village, under Section 3(1)(h) of FRA 2006 for the purpose of vesting forest rights, livelihood concerns of the tribals will be addressed once for all. As provided under Forest Rights, Rules, 2007, the Committee at each of the following level viz. District, Sub-Division and village level in respect of Nicobar District has been constituted for implementation of the FRA 2006 (PP 55-58/C).

In view of what has been stated above, the DC Nicobars could be asked to take up conversion of new Chingen village into revenue village and vesting of the forest rights in the habitants thereof as per the clarifications and guidelines provided by the MoTA vide PUC under the FRA 2006 and FRR made thereunder. A copy of the clarifications in respect of FRA 2006 alongwith the guidelines may also be sent to the Department of Forest and Environment to facilitate recognition and vesting of forest rights in respect of new Chingen village .

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