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Governments pursuant to Secretary (TA)'s letter dated 20.07.2010, referred to above; (iii) solicit the views of the State Governments on the above issues; and (iv) to discuss the reasons for the high rate of rejection of claims. A copy of the programme is **enclosed**. The exact venue of the meeting would be intimated separately.

4. I hereby extend a warm invitation to you on behalf of this Ministry to kindly attend the aforesaid meeting and apprise this Ministry of the progress made/difficulties being faced by the State Government in implementation of the Act. You are requested to kindly bring the updated information in writing regarding (i) categorization/causes of rejection of claims under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 in the State, sought vide Secretary (TA)'s letter dated 15.07.2010, and (ii) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the State Governments to address the concerns specified in Secretary (TA)'s letter dated 20.07.2010, to enable fruitful discussion in the meeting.

5. I may mention that the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister proposes to hold the next review meeting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April, 2011 to discuss the progress achieved in addressing the various concerns/issues related to the Act, particularly the reasons for the high rate of rejection of claims. Kindly, therefore, ensure that you or your representative attends the aforesaid meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2011, positively, along with the requisite information/ data.

6. It may kindly be noted that due to paucity of space at the venue of the meeting, it might not be possible to accommodate more than one person from the State.

*with regards.*

Yours Sincerely

*[Signature]*  
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