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F. No. 23011/26/2012- FRA (Pt.II)
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 14.03.2013

Subject: Quarterly progress report as per amended Forest Rights Rules and status of implementation of Forest Rights Act as per the final Action Plans presented by the State Governments in the national level meeting held on 3rd December, 2012.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's OM of even number dated 21.01.2013 and 07.02.2013 (copies enclosed for ready reference) on the above subject and to say that the following information was required to be sent to this Ministry:-

- (i) Quarterly progress report in the prescribed format as given in Annexure V to Scheduled Tribes and Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Amended Rules, 2012.
- (ii) Status of implementation of Forest Right Act as per Action Plan prescribed by the states in the national review cum orientation meeting held on 03.12.2012 at New Delhi under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs.

The above information has not been received so far despite reminder as referred to above.

2. It may be noted that as per the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of forest Rights) Act, 2006 and Rules framed thereunder, the onus of implementation of the Act lies at the level of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. Furnishing of requisite report is mandatory as per the Rules notified on 06.09.2012, which has the statutory force of law. Further, progress report on the status of implementation of Forest Rights Act as per Action Plan, as stated above, was also required to be sent to reach a meaningful conclusion to the assessment of the implementation of the provisions of the Forest Rights Act. As no progress has been reported, the same has been viewed seriously by this Ministry, being the nodal agency, as per section 11 of the Act, for the implementation of the provisions of the Act. It may also be noted that the Government