



Functions of the District Level Committee

- (1) The District Level Committee shall;
 - (a) examine whether all claims have been addressed keeping in mind the objectives of the Act;
 - (b) consider and finally approve the claims and record of forest rights prepared by the Sub-Divisional Level Committee;
 - (c) hear petitions from persons aggrieved by the orders of the Sub-Divisional Level Committee;
 - (d) co-ordinate with other districts regarding inter-district claims;
 - (e) issue directions for incorporation of the forest rights in the relevant government records including record rights.
- (2) The District Level Committee shall also;
 - (a) facilitate the Gram Sabha in accessing government documents, and other relevant information in determining forest rights and provide technical assistance if required;
 - (b) ensure dissemination process and awareness programmes on the Act and rules made there under;
 - (c) ensure that the Gram Sabhas are conducted in a free, open and representative manner with full and unrestricted participation of women.
- (3) The District Collector or Deputy Commissioner shall responsible for;
 - (a) publishing the record of forest rights as finalized by the District Level Committee;
 - (b) ensure that a certified copy of the record of forest rights and title under the Act, as specified in Annexure-II, is provided to the concerned claimant and the Gram Sabha and publicity posted at convenient places in the village;

Functions of the Sub-Divisional Level Committee

The Sub-Divisional Level Committee shall;

- (a) provide forest and revenue maps and electoral rolls to the Gram Sabha or the forest rights Committee.
- (b) collate all the resolutions of the concerned Gram Sabhas;
- (c) consolidate maps and details provided by the Gram Sabhas;
- (d) examine the resolutions and the maps of the Gram Sabhas to ascertain the veracity of the claims;
- (e) hear and adjudicate disputes between Gram Sabhas on the nature and extent of any forest rights;
- (f) hear petitions from persons aggrieved by the resolutions of the Gram Sabhas;
- (g) co-ordinate with other Sub-Divisional Level Committee for inter sub-divisional claims;
- (h) prepare block/tehsil-wise the draft record of forest rights after reconciliation of government records.
- (i) forward the claims with the draft record of forest rights through the Sub-Divisional Officer to the District Level Committee for final decision;
- (j) raise awareness through workshops and other means about the objectives, provisions and procedures of the Acts and in rule 25(4).
- (k) ensure easy and free availability of proforma of claims to the claimants as provided in Annexure - I.