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- iii. The State Government need to play the facilitating role in not only transferring unhindered absolute rights over MFP/NTFP to forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers but also in getting them remunerative price for the MFP/NTFP collected and processed by them.

4. While diverse institutional support may be provided by the State to MFP/NTFP collectors/gatherers, the prime objective should be to ensure benefits of these processes directly flow to the gatherers/ collectors in a timely and fair manner. Ministry has received petitions that the Forest Rights Act, 2006 is not being complied with in the letter and spirit and tribal communities are not getting the benefits of ownership of MFP/NTFP, which include all non-timber forest produce of plant origin including bamboo, brushwood, shrubs, cane, tussar, cocoons, honey, wax, lac, tendu on tendu leaves, medicinal plants and herbs, tubers and the like.

5. It is requested that any process/system which is in contravention of the provisions of the Forest Rights Act in letter and spirit be reviewed. Further, such processes may be expeditiously reoriented to ensure compliance with the law.

Yours faithfully,

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