



monetary compensation by the Government. This has not only ensured livelihood and empowerment but also much better access to educational and medical facilities thereby ending their geographical, social and economic isolation. The said Voluntary Resettlement project has been recognized as one of the widely acclaimed programs in the country. A 10 minute documentary video - 'Voluntary Resettlements - A Win-Win Solution' which provides a credible solution to the vexed issue of human-wildlife conflict was presented at the meeting of the National Board for Wildlife chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2007 is annexed as ANNEXURE -

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✓ 4. The Impugned Act came into force on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2006 and is being implemented after the Rules were framed and published in the Gazette of India on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2008. Thereafter the process of filing, determination and vesting of claims is continuing with no end in sight. As a result, forest lands continue to be illegally encroached even today pursuant to which false claims are being filed to claim rights under the Impugned Act even though the cutoff of date of 13<sup>th</sup> December 2005 as the date on which the claimants should have been in occupation and possession of the forest land has already expired. The Applicant is filing sufficient material along with this I.A. to show that there has been large scale destruction of forests and depletion of forest cover at an alarming rate because of the serious flaws and defects and shoddy implementation of the Impugned Act.