

MOST IMMEDIATE

No. TD (A) 3-1/2011-Loose
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Tribal Development Department.

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From

Principal Secretary(TD) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

To

✓ All Deputy Commissioner, *Chamba*
Himachal Pradesh.

Dated: Shimla-2,

27th March, 2012.

Subject- **Regarding implementation of Scheduled Tribes and Other
Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights)
Act, 2006 in non-tribal areas of Himachal Pradesh.**

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and Rules framed thereunder have already been implemented in Tribal Areas in the State. Now it has been decided that the same may be implemented in the whole of the State of H.P. with immediate effect. The copies of the said Act, and Rules are available on www.forestrights.gov.in.

The Act envisages determination and vesting of a number of forest rights, individual as well as community rights, in the forest dwelling Scheduled tribes and other traditional forest dwellers. The whole process for determination of forest rights would start at the level of Gram Sabha, which will be scrutinized at Sub-Divisional Level Committee and thereafter the Distt. Level Committee will approve/award forest rights. The rules notified on 1st January, 2008 envisages the constitution of various committees under the Act viz the Sub-Divisional Level Committee and Distt. Level Committee by the Govt.

- i) **Distt. Level Committee**:- Regarding constitution of Distt. Level Committee apart from official members, Section-7(3) of the aforesaid Act stipulates nomination of atleast three ST members from amongst the Zila Parishad member by the Zila Parishad.

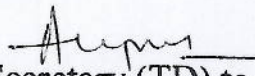
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- ii) **Sub-Divisional Level Committee**:- Similarly for the constitution of the Sub-Divisional Level Committee apart from official members, Section-3(3) of the Act stipulates, nomination of three members of Scheduled Tribe from amongst the Panchayat Samiti members by Zila Parishad for each sub Divisional Committee.

Since constitution of these Committees has to be ensured at the earliest possible, you are therefore, requested to forward the lists of such members for constitution of Distt. Level Committee and Sub Divisional Committees in your District.

This may kindly be treated as **"Most Urgent"**

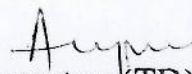
Yours faithfully,


Joint Secretary (TD) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

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Dated: Shimla-2, 27th March, 2012.

Copy to the Commissioner, (TD) H.P. Bijlani House, Chotta Shimla-2 for information and necessary action.


Joint Secretary (TD) to the
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