

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2472
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019

EVICTING FOREST DWELLERS

2472. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of persons being displaced, State-wise in the aftermath of the Supreme Court judgement on evicting forest dwellers and Adivasis; and

(b) whether this judgement infringes Article 19(5) of the Constitution and if so, the action taken by the Government to protect the rights of forest dwellers and Adivasis?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(Smt. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a) & (b) The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide their order dated 13.02.2019, in the matter of W.P. (C) 109/2008 & 50/2008 ordered to evict the claimants from forests whose claims have been rejected under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs filed an application, in Hon'ble Supreme Court on 26.02.2019, for modification of order dated 13.02.2019 passed by them. The Hon'ble Supreme Court admitted the application filed by this Ministry and vide their Order dated 28.02.2019 stayed the eviction order which was given in their earlier order dated 13.02.2019.
