

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4113
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025

Implementation of Forest Rights Act

4113. ADV GOWAAL KAGADA PADAVI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government maintains updated records of individual and community forest rights claims under Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006;
- (b) the number of pending claims along with the reasons for delay in approval, State-wise;
- (c) whether tribal Gram Sabhas are empowered to make final decisions on claims;
- (d) the steps taken to prevent eviction of traditional forest dwellers without due process;
- (e) whether any States have been found violating FRA provisions, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the plans to train local forest officials on FRA compliance and conflict resolution?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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- (a) & (b) As per the provisions of 'The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006' and Rules there under, the State Governments are responsible for implementation of various provisions of the Act. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is the nodal Ministry for monitoring the implementation of the Act.

The filing and processing of claims and distribution of titles is a continuous process. The detailed status of these claims are maintained by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, based on the Monthly Progress Reports received from the States / UTs. The detailed status as on 30.05.2025 is placed at **Annexure-I**.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs have informed that the lack of awareness among claimants is a challenge in the implementation of the Act. In this regard, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been encouraging States to fast-track the processing and disposal of pending claims through consultation/meetings/workshop with States/UTs.

- (c) As stipulated in Section 6(6) of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, the final decision on claims lies with the District Level Committee.
- (d) As per provisions of Section 4(5) of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, no member of a forest dwelling Scheduled Tribe or other traditional forest dwellers shall be evicted or removed from the forest land under occupation till the recognition and verification procedure is complete.
- (e) Since the State/ UTs are responsible for implementation of the Act, the Grievances and representations received in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs are forwarded to the concerned State / UTs. Further, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been urging all State Governments to abide by the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and ensure timely disposal of the claims.
- (f) Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been advising States, District Administrations and State Forest Departments to conduct awareness campaign among all stakeholders on the implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) to (b) Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4113 due for answer on 18.08.2025 regarding 'Implementation of Forest Rights Act'.

Statement of Claims received and Distribution of title deeds, rejected claims and pending claims under "The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006" as on 31.05.2025, as reported by the States/UT:

| S. No. | States | Number of Claims received upto 31.05.2025 | | | Number of Titles Distributed upto 31.05.2025 | | | Number of Claims Rejected | Total No. of Claims Pending |
|--------------|------------------|---|----------------|------------------|--|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Individual | Community | Total | Individual | Community | Total | | |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 285,098 | 3,294 | 288,392 | 226,651 | 1,822 | 228,473 | 58,410 | 1,509 |
| 2 | Assam | 148,965 | 6,046 | 155,011 | 57,325 | 1,477 | 58,802 | NA/NR | 96,209 |
| 3 | Bihar | 4,696 | 0 | 4,696 | 191 | 0 | 191 | 4,496 | 9 |
| 4 | Chhattisgarh | 890,220 | 57,259 | 947,479 | 481,432 | 52,636 | 534,068 | 406,787 | 6,624 |
| 5 | Goa | 9,757 | 379 | 10,136 | 856 | 15 | 871 | 447 | 8,818 |
| 6 | Gujarat | 183,055 | 7,187 | 190,242 | 98,732 | 4,792 | 103,524 | 2,331 | 84,387 |
| 7 | Himachal Pradesh | 4,883 | 683 | 5,566 | 662 | 146 | 808 | 54 | 4,704 |
| 8 | Jharkhand | 107,032 | 3,724 | 110,756 | 59,866 | 2,104 | 61,970 | 28,107 | 20,679 |
| 9 | Karnataka | 288,549 | 5,940 | 294,489 | 14,981 | 1,345 | 16,326 | 253,269 | 24,894 |
| 10 | Kerala | 44,455 | 1,014 | 45,469 | 29,422 | 282 | 29,704 | 12,835 | 2,930 |
| 11 | Madhya Pradesh | 585,326 | 42,187 | 627,513 | 266,901 | 27,976 | 294,877 | 322,407 | 10,229 |
| 12 | Maharashtra | 397,897 | 11,259 | 409,156 | 199,667 | 8,668 | 208,335 | 172,631 | 28,190 |
| 13 | Odisha | 701,148 | 35,024 | 736,172 | 462,067 | 8,832 | 470,899 | 144,636 | 120,637 |
| 14 | Rajasthan | 113,162 | 5,213 | 118,375 | 49,215 | 2,551 | 51,766 | 65,921 | 688 |
| 15 | Tamil Nadu | 33,119 | 1,548 | 34,667 | 15,442 | 1,066 | 16,508 | 12,711 | 5,448 |
| 16 | Telangana | 651,822 | 3,427 | 655,249 | 230,735 | 721 | 231,456 | 94,426 | 329,367 |
| 17 | Tripura | 200,557 | 164 | 200,721 | 127,931 | 101 | 128,032 | 68,848 | 3,841 |
| 18 | Uttar Pradesh | 92,972 | 1,194 | 94,166 | 22,537 | 893 | 23,430 | 70,736 | 0 |
| 19 | Uttarakhand | 3,587 | 3,091 | 6,678 | 184 | 1 | 185 | 6,493 | 0 |
| 20 | West Bengal | 131,962 | 10,119 | 142,081 | 44,444 | 686 | 45,130 | 96,587 | 364 |
| 21 | Jammu & Kashmir | 33,233 | 12,857 | 46,090 | 429 | 5,591 | 6,020 | 39,924 | 146 |
| TOTAL | | 4,911,495 | 211,609 | 5,123,104 | 2,389,670 | 121,705 | 2,511,375 | 1,862,056 | 749,673 |