

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARED QUESTION NO.2983**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2019

**PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF FOREST RIGHTS ACT**

2983. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the rules pertaining to bettering the condition of tribals as enshrined in the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Amendment Rules, 2012, are not being implemented properly; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) As per the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (in short Forest Right Act, 2006) and Rules thereunder, responsibility for implementation of the Act lies with the States/UTs.

This Ministry has been issuing various instructions/advisories to the State Governments from time to time for effective implementation of the Act emphasizing that prescribed procedure, as contained in the Act and Rules thereunder for vesting forest rights in forest dwelling communities, should be followed to ensure that claims of eligible persons are not rejected. States have been requested by this Ministry from time to time to review all rejected claims to preclude the wrongful rejection of eligible claims.

As per information received from State Governments, till 31.03.2019, a total of 42,37,853, (individual and community) claims were filed out of which 19,64,048 titles (individual and community) have been distributed and 17,53,504 claims (individual and community) have been rejected implying that a total of 5,20,301 claims are pending and at different stage of recognition/verification.

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