

Implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006

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Replying to the question of Shri Benny Behanan and Shri K Radhakrishnan the Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Shri Jual Oram today laid a statement in Lok Sabha stating that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, being the Nodal Ministry for administering the legislative matters of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and Rules made thereunder, by exercising power under Section 12 of the Act, has been issuing directions and guidelines from time to time on various aspects to ensure proper implementation of the Act. As per FRA and rules made thereunder, respective State Governments/ UT Administrations are responsible for implementation of various provisions of the FR Act and are being implemented in 20 States and 1 UT.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs seeks a Monthly Progress Report from the States/UTs, as per the latest information reported by States and collated under MPR till 31st May, 2025, a total of 25,11,375 titles have been recognised, comprising 23,89,670 individual and 1,21,705 community titles over the extent of 2,32,73,947.39 acres of forest land. The state wise details are enclosed at **Annexure I**.

The details of allocation and expenditure for TSP by States/UTs, out of their own funds, are available at <https://statetsp.tribal.gov.in> Monitoring of TSP is done based on the State TSP Guidelines issued by the Planning Commission in 2014.

As informed by Ministry of Rural Development, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand - driven wage employment Scheme. It provides for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. It also mandates an extra 50 days of wage employment for Scheduled Tribe households in forest areas and provides for an additional 50 days of wage employment in drought or natural calamity-affected rural areas. State Governments may allocate additional days of employment beyond the guaranteed period using their funds. Implementation of the scheme is the responsibility of the State and several provisions for proper implementation have been provided in the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) monitors the progress of vacancies in posts reserved for Scheduled Tribes candidates in the Union Government. As informed by DoPT, "Occurrence and filling of vacancies, along with backlog reserved vacancies, is a continuous process. Instructions have been issued to all Ministries/Departments of the Central Government to constitute an In-House Committee for identification of backlog reserved vacancies, to study the root cause of such vacancies, to initiate measures to remove the factors causing such vacancies and to fill them up through Special Recruitment Drives. The details of vacancies are maintained by the respective Ministry/ Department. Ministries/Departments of the Central Government have been directed, from time to time, to fill up the vacant posts in a time bound manner. Each Ministry/Department of the Central Government is required to designate an officer of the rank of Deputy Secretary and above, as Liaison Officer, to ensure due compliance of the orders and instructions pertaining to reservation. Further, each Ministry/Department is required to set up a Special Reservation Cell under the direct control of the Liaison Officer to assist her/him in discharge of duties. However, it is informed that as per the data furnished by the Ministries/ Departments as on 1.1.2025, more than 4.65 lakh backlog vacancies have been filled since 2016, including more than 1.15 lakh ST vacancies. Further, the representation of ST in the total employee strength reported by Ministries/ Departments to DoPT is 8.8%."

In addition to the above, the Department of Public Enterprises has been informed that- "As per information available in Public Enterprises Survey 2023-24 (as on 31.3.2024), out of the 8.12 lakh total employees in operating Central Public Sector Enterprises, 0.88 lakh (10.85%) were from Scheduled Tribes".

The number of tribal students benefited from pre-matric and post-matric scholarship schemes during the last 3 years is enclosed at **Annexure-II**.

Annexure-I

State wise details of claims received, titles distributed and the extent of forest land for which titles distributed (individual and community), as on 31.05.2025, is indicated below:

S. No.	States/ UT	No. of Titles Distributed			Extent of Forest land for which titles distributed (in acres)		
		Individual	Community	Total	Individual	Community	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	226,651	1,822	228,473	454,706	526,454	981,160.00
2	Assam	57,325	1,477	58,802	NA/NR	NA/NR	NA/NR
3	Bihar	191	0	191	53.03	0.00	53
4	Chhattisgarh	481,432	52,636	534,068	949,770.89	9,102,957.49	10,052,728.38
5	Goa	856	15	871	1,506.45	18.66	1,525.11
6	Gujarat	98,732	4,792	103,524	168,448.83	1,240,680.15	1,409,128.99
7	H i m a c h a l Pradesh	662	146	808	126.65	62,677.24	62,803.89
8	Jharkhand	59,866	2,104	61,970	153,395.86	103,758.97	257,154.83
9	Karnataka	14,981	1,345	16,326	20,077.30	36,340.52	56,417.82
10	Kerala	29,422	282	29,704	38,810.58	788,651.25	827,461.83
11	M a d h y a Pradesh	266,901	27,976	294,877	903,533.06	1,463,614.46	2,367,147.52
12	Maharashtra	199,667	8,668	208,335	461,491.25	3,371,497.43	3,832,988.68
13	Odisha	462,067	8,832	470,899	674,775.33	743,193.39	1,417,968.72
14	Rajasthan	49,215	2,551	51,766	70,387.18	239,763.95	310,151.13
15	Tamil Nadu	15,442	1,066	16,508	22,104.80	60,468.77	82,573.57
16	Telangana	230,735	721	231,456	669,689.14	457,663.17	1,127,352.32
17	Tripura	127,931	101	128,032	465,192.88	552.40	465,745.28
18	Uttar Pradesh	22,537	893	23,430	NA/NR	NA/NR	NA/NR
19	Uttarakhand	184	1	185	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	West Bengal	44,444	686	45,130	21,014.27	572.03	21,586.29
21	J a m m u & Kashmir	429	5,591	6,020	NA/NR	NA/NR	NA/NR

TOTAL	2,389,670	121,705	2,511,37 5	5075083. 51	18198863 .89	23273947 .39
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NA/NR-Related figure is either not available or not reported.

Annexure -II

Details of Beneficiaries to State Governments/UT Administrations thereof under the Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for ST students				
Sl.No.	Name of the State/UT	A.Y. 2022-23	A.Y. 2023-24	A.Y. 2024-25
1	A.& N. Islands	386	193	311
2	Andhra Pradesh	129032	79780	67888
3	A r u n a c h a l Pradesh	46330	42417	45125
4	Assam	62140	58774	77350
5	Bihar	3768	1444	3428
6	Chhattisgarh	34184	40552	34022
7	DNH DD	2208	1053	1627
8	Goa	4439	3274	3163
9	Gujarat	262538	226456	233161
10	H i m a c h a l Pradesh	4303	4390	4937
11	J a m m u & Kashmir	10430	7319	15309
12	Jharkhand	147633	148676	65104
13	Karnataka	131968	123707	125823
14	Kerala	17652	12721	13072
15	Ladakh	8619	9413	8969
16	M a d h y a Pradesh	391317	353486	326410
17	Maharashtra	106817	130359	33432
18	Manipur	42572	33542	32275
19	Meghalaya	61360	76755	73902
20	Mizoram	38784	31685	28471
21	Nagaland	40638	42485	41793
22	Odisha	204172	213957	230366
23	Puducherry	18	11	10
24	Rajasthan	236628	168516	*
25	Sikkim	2650	1849	2411
26	Tamil Nadu	23529	25216	28273

27	Telangana	114911	131505	131032
28	Tripura	37380	33678	33506
29	Uttar Pradesh	9655	9676	10427
30	Uttarakhand	3534	3972	4766
31	West Bengal	63208	37760	29528
	Total	2242803	2054621	1705891

*- beneficiary data not reported by State/UT

Details of Beneficiaries to State Governments/UT Administrations thereof under the Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students				
Sl.No.	Name of the State/UT	A.Y. 2022-23	A.Y. 2023-24	A.Y. 2024-25
1	Andaman & Nicobar	260	173	281
2	Andhra Pradesh	40465	0	0
3	Arunachal Pradesh	5178	2852	2831
4	Assam	5688	4353	8075
5	Bihar	26450	8451	15139
6	Chhattisgarh	28642	44837	27171
7	DNH & DD	2017	1273	1162
10	Goa	2108	1670	1698
11	Gujarat	157553	121083	124886
12	Himachal Pradesh	2479	2616	3260
13	Jammu & Kashmir	4689	2548	8371
14	Jharkhand	129269	114519	129142
15	Karnataka	98705	97191	104211
16	Kerala	7604	7323	10312
17	Ladakh	760	2228	2029
18	Madhya Pradesh	255944	259997	212347
19	Manipur	1836	3470	3916
20	Meghalaya	1588	5590	6149
21	Mizoram	10312	8911	8807
22	Nagaland	*	*	*
23	Odisha	79252	106691	122029
24	Puducherry	21	11	14
25	Rajasthan	73816	76272	57037
26	Sikkim	49	62	377
27	Tamil Nadu	15325	17557	19178

28	Telangana	9255	2460	*
29	Tripura	15017	11601	12597
30	Uttar Pradesh	1579	2329	3211
31	Uttarakhand	1464	902	*
32	West Bengal	23979	21789	24333
	Total	1001304	928759	908563

***- beneficiary data not reported by State/UT**

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