

DISPLACEMENT FROM FOREST LAND

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The Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Shri Jual Oram today laid a statement on the table of the house in Lok Sabha that Section 3 (1) of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act" (in short, FRA) enacted in 2006 provides vesting of forest rights including right to hold and live in the forest land under individual or common occupation for habitation or for self-cultivation for livelihood by a member or members of forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dweller as defined in Section 2 (c) and 2 (o). **Section 4 (5) of FRA** states that "Save as otherwise provided, no member of a Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribe or Other Traditional Forest Dweller shall be evicted or removed from forest land under his occupation till the recognition and verification procedure is complete". Further, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 provides for provisions for resettlement of forest rights holders subject to satisfying certain conditions outlined in Section 4, sub-section (2) of the said Act.

No reports have been received from the State Governments regarding pending applicants being displaced. As reported by National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), there are no persons who have been displaced from core/critical tiger habitats of tiger reserves, and free and informed prior consent of the people is taken and due diligence is exercised by the States in harmony with the voluntarism enshrined in the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 read with the Scheduled Tribes and Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

As reported by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, in Dewas district, there are a total of 9238 claims (Individual- 8762 and Community- 476) have been received, out of which a total of 4869 (52.70%) titles were distributed, 4368 (47.28%) claims have been rejected, and 1 claim is pending. Therefore, 99.98% claims are disposed of in Dewas District of Madhya Pradesh.

As reported by States/UTs, cumulatively till 31st October 2025, a total of 51,57,332 claims have been filed at Gram Sabha Level, comprising 49,44,101 individual and 2,13,231 community claims. Out of which a total of 25,14,774 (48.76%) titles were distributed, comprising 23,92,545 individual and 1,22,229 community titles. A total of 18,73,738 (36.33%) have been rejected and a total of 7,68,820 claims are pending for decision. State-wise details are at **Annexure**.

No applications have been received in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs under FRA for the Tiger Project, ecotourism in the forest areas, and in other project areas. Further, the said information is not collated at the level of the Government of India as relevant provisions clearly prescribe a State-level Monitoring Committee and a District-level Implementing Committee to oversee the process of monitoring and implementing the voluntary resettlement process.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 171 for answer on 11.12.2025

State-wise details of Claims and Distribution of title deeds and rejected claims under The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as per information received from States as on 31.10.2025:

S. No.	States	No. of Claims received upto 31.10.2025			No. of Titles Distributed upto 31.10.2025			
		Individual	Community	Total	Individual	Community	Total	
1	Andhra Pradesh	285,115	3,294	288,409	226,667	1,822	228,489	
2	Assam	148,965	6,046	155,011	57,325	1,477	58,802	
3	Bihar	4,696	0	4,696	191	0	191	
4	Chhattisgarh	890,220	57,259	947,479	481,432	52,636	534,068	
5	Goa	9,958	388	10,346	1,027	19	1,046	
6	Gujarat	183,055	7,187	190,242	98,732	4,792	103,524	
7	Himachal Pradesh	4,981	683	5,664	755	146	901	
8	Jharkhand	107,032	3,724	110,756	59,866	2,104	61,970	
9	Karnataka	289,236	5,940	295,176	15,355	1,345	16,700	
10	Kerala	44,455	1,014	45,469	29,422	282	29,704	
11	Madhya Pradesh	585,326	42,187	627,513	266,901	27,976	294,877	
12	Maharashtra	397,897	11,259	409,156	199,667	8,668	208,335	
13	Odisha	732,751	36,637	769,388	464,288	9,352	473,640	
14	Rajasthan	113,162	5,213	118,375	49,215	2,551	51,766	
15	Tamil Nadu	33,119	1,548	34,667	15,442	1,066	16,508	
16	Telangana	651,822	3,427	655,249	230,735	721	231,456	
17	Tripura	200,557	164	200,721	127,931	101	128,032	

18	Uttar Pradesh	92,972	1,194	94,166	22,537	893	23,430
19	Uttarakhand	3,587	3,091	6,678	184	1	185
20	West Bengal	131,962	10,119	142,081	44,444	686	45,130
21	Jammu & Kashmir	33,233	12,857	46,090	429	5,591	6,020
TOTAL		4,944,101	213,231	5,157,332	2,392,545	122,229	2,514,774

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