

F.No. 2-3/2004-FC (Pt. II)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment and Forests  
(F.C. Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan,  
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,  
New Delhi - 110003.

Dated: 07<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

To

The Chief Secretary/Administrator,  
All State/Union Territory Governments.

Sub: Traditional Rights of forest dwellers, including tribals, on forest land; discontinuation of eviction - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 21.12.2004 on the subject mentioned above requesting all the State/Union Territory (UT) Governments not to resort to eviction of forest dwellers, including tribals, other than ineligible encroachers of forest land till complete survey is done for identification/verification of such people and their traditional rights on forest land. It was also requested to issue suitable instructions to forest functionaries at all levels in this regard. The same was reiterated on 17.10.2005.

2. In this connection, I am directed to request you to send to this Ministry a copy of the instructions issued to forest functionaries in your State/UT to implement the directions of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, issued vide letter of even number dated 21.12.2004, as mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Kumar)  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

1. Principal Secretary/Secretary (Forests), All State/UT Governments.
2. PCCFs/Nodal Officers, All States/UTs.
3. Ms. Jayanti S. Ravi, Director, National Advisory Council, 2, Motilal Nehru Place, New Delhi, with reference to the letter No. 1141/Dir/NAC/2005 dated 31.10.2005.
4. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.
5. Guard file.

(Sandeep Kumar)  
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