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Dated: 24th October 2005.


OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: The Scheduled Tribes (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill, 2005.

Ref: PMO U.O. No. 560/31/C/24/2000-ES.II dated 21.10.2005.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the discussions held with the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary (DGF&SS) on the subject mentioned above on 17.10.2005 and to say that the following were agreed in the said meeting:

1. The proposed Bill needs to be more comprehensive and should include non-tribal forest dwellers in addition to the tribals.
2. Vesting of forest land in each eligible family should be on equity basis and not as per the prescription of 2.5 ha of land for each family.
3. Decision making authority for vesting of forest land rights should not be given to Gram Sabha.
4. All National Parks and Sanctuaries need to be excluded from the ambit of the proposed Bill.


(Sandeep Kumar)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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*Yes, It is sent by special messenger on
24.10.05. Received photocopy attached*

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