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माला दिखे,

पुराना दोस्त दिक्षिणी ग्रामपाल,
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दिक्षिणी पंचायत दाख (द्वे दिक्षिणी)

English Translation

Government of Punjab
Department of Rural Development & Panchayats,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, S.A.S.Nagar (Mohali)
(Communal Lands Branch)

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Punjab:
Aitgarh (Mohali).

Memo. No. 26269

Dated Aitgarh, 8.11.2012.

Subject:- Diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980-compliance of the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

Ref:- Yours letter No. 0600 dated 19.9.2012.

With reference to the above subject and your letter under reference the requisite information asked by you has been collected from all the District Development and Panchayat Officers of the State, according to which there is no population of Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers in the State of Punjab.

Sd/-

Deputy Director (Land Development)

For Translation, Aitgarh

Chief Conservator of Forests (PC)
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Punjab, Aitgarh.

No. J - 20047/11/2010/Pb S.Y.L Dated: 12.11.2012



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To:

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Subject: Absence of population of Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest
Dwellers in Punjab - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your office letter no. 9249 dated 31.10.2012 on the
aforesaid subject. In this regard, your kind attention is drawn to Article 341 and
Article 342 of the Constitution of India which states as:

Article 341 of the Constitution provides that the President may, with respect to any
State or Union territory, specify the castes, races or tribes, or parts of or groups within
castes, races or tribes which shall for the purposes of the Constitution be deemed to
be Scheduled Castes in relation to that State or Union territory.

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Article 342 of the Constitution provides for specification of tribes or tribal
communities or parts of or groups within tribes or tribal communities which are
deemed to be for the purposes of the Constitution the Scheduled Tribes in relation to
that State or Union territory.

In pursuance of these provisions, the lists of Scheduled Castes and /
Scheduled Tribes are notified for each State and Union territory and are valid only
within the jurisdiction of that State or Union territory and not outside.

As per the Government notification, 39 Castes have been notified
Scheduled Castes. There is no Scheduled Tribe notified in Punjab State.

As regards Traditional Forest Villages, it is stated that the list of villages d
authenticated by the Revenue authority (Tehsildar) are procured and adopted
conducting Population Census. As per the list of villages received from
Tehsildars for Census 2011, there is no village listed as Traditional Forest village
in the State.

Yours faithfully,
Bhagirath Singh
Deputy Director

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Chandigarh, Dated 11/12/12

Subject:- Settlement of forest rights under Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 - Exemption for the State of Punjab.

Dear Shri Rajendra Pal,

With reference to letter No. 11-B/1998-FC(pi) dated 30.07.2009 of Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India on the above cited subject, it is informed that there is no population belonging to "Scheduled Tribes" or "other Traditional Forest Dwellers" in the State of Punjab as envisaged under the "Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006" which has been certified by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab vide letter No 6509 dated 19.02.2012 (Annexure-A). Directorate of Census Operations (Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs), Punjab has also informed vide letter No 20047/11/2010/PB/6426, dated 12.11.2012 (Annexure-B) that "As per the Government notification, 39 Castes have been notified as Scheduled Castes. There is no Scheduled Tribe notified in Punjab State. As regards Traditional Forest villages, it is stated that the list of villages duly authenticated by the Revenue Authority (Tehsildar) are procured and admitted for conducting Population Census, as per the list of villages received from the Tehsildars from Census 2011, there is no village listed as Traditional Forest village in the State".

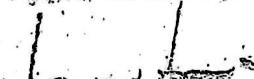
In the absence of any population belonging to Scheduled Tribes or Traditional Forest Dwellers in the State, the compliance of Guidelines dated 30.07.2009 of Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India issued under Recognition of Forest Rights Act, 2006 to initiate and complete process to settle rights of these communities does not seem necessary and there seems no need to undertake such an exercise in the State of Punjab.

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In the light of the above facts, it is, therefore, requested that general exemption may kindly be granted to the State of Punjab from submission of a certificate on settlement of Forest Rights in every case of diversion of forest area for non-forestry purposes under the FCA, 1980.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Rakesh Singh)

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