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Government of India  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
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To

The Secretary,  
Tribal Development Department,  
Government of Maharashtra,  
Mumbai-400032.

Subject: Applicability of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers  
(Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 in Municipal Corporation Areas

Sir,

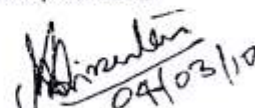
I am directed to refer to the letter No.TRTI/Forest Act/FRA in Municipal area/460 dated 1.12.2009 from the Commissioner, TR&TI, Pune, on the above subject and to say that the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 prescribes the Gram Sabha as the authority to initiate the process of determining the nature and extent of the forest rights which are to be given to the forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers. As per the Act and the Rules framed thereunder, the Sub-Divisional Level Committee has to examine the resolution passed by the Gram Sabha and prepare the records of forest rights and forward it through the Sub-Divisional Officer to the District Level Committee for a final decision on the record of forest rights.

2. It has been stated in the above letter that the Sub-Divisional Level Committee and the District Level Committee cannot be formed in the Municipal Corporation areas of the State as per the provisions of the Act. In view of this, the Act cannot be implemented in the concerned Municipal Corporation areas of the State.

Yours faithfully,

  
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