

Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers
(Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006

**Landmark Legislation for securing Rights of Tribes and Other
Traditional Forest Dwellers**

Objectives

- To give rights to Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers of land in their historical possession.
- To provide rights to Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers to collect, use and dispose off minor forest produce.
- To provide rights to Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers on land used for community purposes.

Salient Features

- Land rights to be conferred to Scheduled Tribes in possession of land up to December, 2005.
- Land rights to Other Traditional Forest Dwellers in case they are in possession of the land for three generations calculated as 75 years.
- No displacement of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers, even from protected areas, except with conferral of rights and provision of alternative land.
- Title deeds to be give for land up to 4 hectares.
- Registration of land titles in the joint names of both spouses.
- Act intended to involve Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers in the management of forests and biodiversity.

- States responsible for distribution of title deeds.

All India Performance

- Rules Notified on 31.12.2007
- Claims filed Over 15.50 lakh
- Titles distributed One lakh so far. Distribution in process.