

Andhra Pradesh



5.95 million

State wrongfully issued forest right titles to joint forest management



committees and not to gram sabhas 75.927



Assam 2.6 million

155,011



Jharkhand

12.48 million



29.521

4.79 million



894 FRA claims rejected by Committees

The state is reverifying the

Kerala

7.889

District Level

Tamil Nadu

3.78 million

High court stayed FRA execution in 2008. Supreme Court lifted it in 2016



Madhya Pardesh

18.75 million

Forest and revenue

Rights Committees,

verified FRA

claims

authorities, instead of

gram sabhas and its Forest

FRA claims rejected in mining areas. Claims have not been settled in areas affected by Polavaram dam

5.85 million

1,86,679 83,757

6,24,097

3.62.024

Telangana

X

Tripura 1.72 million

£

3.72.459

2,26,116

Maharashtra

25.42 million

Rights not recognised in

areas that fall under the

Mumbai-Ahmedabad

train corridor

Commercial plantations have been done in areas with FRA titles

West Bengal

COVER STORY

Odisha

62,62,295

1,46,525

75,855 36,299

Forest department

has retained the

right to log and

plant trees in

titles

areas with FRA

Rajasthan

14.21 million

22.65 million

In most cases, claims have

been rejected without

informing claimants

2.00.635

68,610

In 2014, forest to verify

1,42,081 96,587

INFOGRAPHIC: SANJIT / CSE

11.742



Uttarakhand 3.33 million

there are no

denied rights

Gujjars

22.18 million

Uttar Pardesh

Government has maintained that there are no forest-dependent communities





6.665

Government has maintained that 4,899 forest-dependent communities and under FRA to Van

8.39 million

department, instead of the gram sabha, carried out surveys FRA claims

LOW ON DATA

-

All states, except Odisha, Maharashtra and Kerala, maintain only cumulative rejection data making it impossible to know which claims have received final rejections

Gram Sabha

To initiate the process, the gram panchayat needs to 27,41,393 convene a gram sabha in the settlements

14,83,588 demanding forest rights. The sabha then forms a Forest Rights Committee, which accepts and verifies FRA claims. Rejected claimants can approach sub-divisional level committee

Sub Divisional Level Committee



21,82,162 5,59,231

The committee, which includes sub-divisional officers of forest, revenue and tribal departments along with three block-level panchayat members, examines the gram sabha-approved claims. It also prepares records of rights

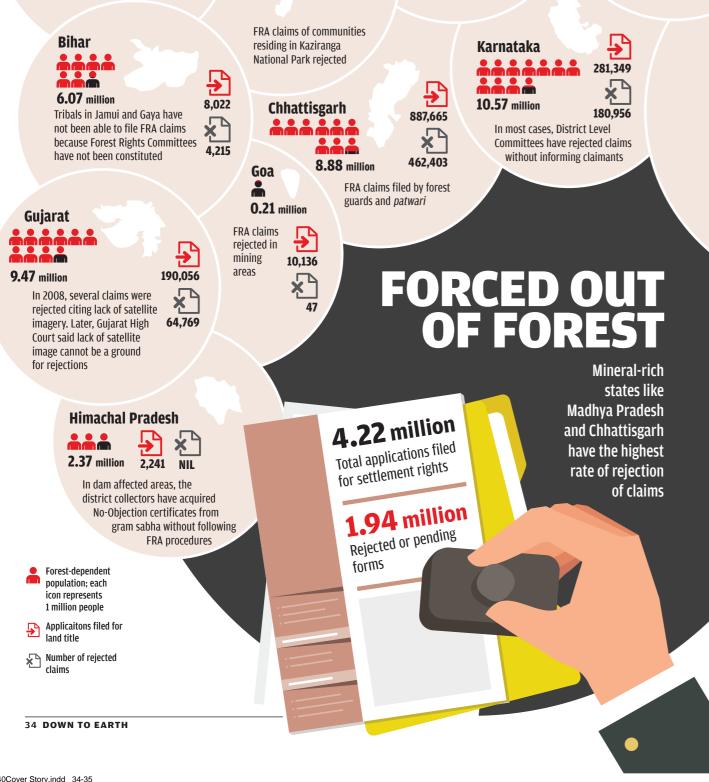
District Level Committee





Constituted by district collector, divisional forest officer, districtlevel tribal officer and three district-panchayat members, it examines the claims and issues the titles. The claims rejected by DLC are final

16-31 MARCH 2019 www.downtoearth.org.in 35



26-40Cover Story.indd 34-35