

PRESS RELEASE

Panel Discussion on “Implementation of Forests Right Act 2006”.

The State Development Policy Council (erstwhile State Planning Commission, (SPC)) had organized a panel discussion on Implementation of **“The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006”** in the topics: 1.Status of Grama-Sabha, 2.Status of Sub Divisional Level Committee, 3.Status of Divisional Level Committee, 4.Individual Rights and 5.Community Rights distributed and the constraints encountered through Webinar. The panel discussion was chaired by the Hon’ble Vice Chairman Thiru C. Ponnaiyan, State Development Policy Council, (erstwhile State Planning Commission) Chennai on 28.08.2020 at 11.00 a.m. Thiru P. Durairasu, IFS., Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Additional Chief Secretaries, Tmt. Jayashree Raghunandan, IAS., Planning and Development Department, Dr. Atulya Misra. IAS., Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Dr. Sandeep Saxena, IAS., Environment and Forests Department, Thiru Anil Meshram, IAS., Member Secretary, State Development Policy Council, Dr. B.C. Archana Kalyani, IFS., Head of Division (Land Use), SDPC, Thiru T. Ritto Cyriac, IFS., Director Tribal Welfare Department, District Collectors, District Forests Officer’s and Senior Officials from Departments associated participated in the webinar which took place at Human Development Video Conference Hall, State Development Policy Council, Ezhilagam, Chennai - 5.

Objectives of the Act

- i. To give individual rights to Scheduled Tribes and other traditional Forest Dwellers on the land in their historical possession.
- ii. To provide rights to Scheduled Tribes and other traditional Forest Dwellers to collect, use and dispose of minor forest produce.
- iii. To provide rights to Scheduled Tribes and other traditional Forest Dwellers on land used for community purposes.

The panel discussion topics were presented by the Director, Tribal Welfare, District Collectors of The Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Kallakurichi and Tirunelveli.

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