

Tribal Empowerment and Development

Policy Asks from Odisha Vikash Conclave

1. State Government should take proactive steps to inform Gram Sabhas on their rights under the FRA, PESA, OSATIP and steps to secure them.
2. Demarcation and Correction of RoRs for the rights recognised under the Forest Rights Act, 2006.
3. Recognition of community rights which includes CFR, conversion of forest villages into revenue villages.
4. Withdrawal of all petty forest offence cases booked against forest dwelling communities.
5. All plantations and ANR activities must be implemented by Gram Sabhas and in all situations their consent is a pre-condition.
6. All developmental – industrial- infrastructural activities implemented in tribal areas must be undertaken with free-prior-informed consent of Gram Sabhas. It would expedite the process of growth of the State.
7. Making state laws in consonance with FRA and PESA.
8. State Government should come out with "State Tribal Policy."
9. Strengthening and restructuring tribal administration for a more focused intervention in tribal areas.
10. Allocation of TSP funds to Gram Sabha.
11. Constitution of "Tribal Cell" in office of Governor.
12. Implementation of Minimum Support Price mechanism on MFPs.
13. Infrastructure development, working capital and skill development, processing of MFPs.