No:RB/TC/e-11019(15)(2014)/Regeneration/ >1 1 86

B. Venugopal Reddy, IAS

Date: 13th January, 2017.

Subject: - Regeneration of forests based on Minor

Forest Produce

Kindly refer to letter of even no. dated 30/05/2016, requesting you to organize a campaign involving all the concerned departments and the Gram Sabhas in regeneration of forests which also includes locally suitable tress that provide Minor Forest Produce and Bamboo. In response to this, though some notable initiatives have been taken up by all Scheduled Area Districts there is a need to strengthen the efforts by preparing a comprehensive potential based plan and mobilizing all the necessary resources to achieve the targets.

Since there is sufficient time before the advent of monsoon I would request you to take up this activity in at least 30 Gram Sabhas in each PESA block. In accordance with letter and spirit of both FRA and PESA all such afforestation and regeneration activities may be taken up with the consent of the Gram Sabhas, so that Gram Sabhas willingly take up these efforts and also ensure transparency and accountability to these efforts.

As you are aware the implementation of PESA and FRA are one of the foremost priorities of Hon'ble Governor, hence, this campaign may be taken up in mission mode in Scheduled Areas. The details of this campaign may be sent on monthly basis to this Office for information of Hon'ble Governor.

With regards,

Yours

(B. Venugopal Reddy)

To:

Collector,

Thane, Nashik, Dhule, Nandurbar, Jalgaon, Ahmednagar, Yavatmal, Nanded, Gadchiroli, Chandrapur, Palghar, Amravati, Pune.

Copy to:

- 1) **Shri. Rajagopal Devara,** Secretary, Tribal Development Department, Mantralaya, **Mumbai-400 032**
- 2) **Shri. Vikas Kharage,** Secretary, Forest Department, Mantralaya, **Mumbai-400 032.**
- 3) **Shri. Assem Gupta**, Secretary, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department, Mantralaya, **Mumbai-400 032**.

(B. Venugopal Reddy)
Secretary to Governor