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Government of India

Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

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To,

1. The Chief Secretaries of all State Governments

(except Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi)

(except Lakshadweep and Puducherry)

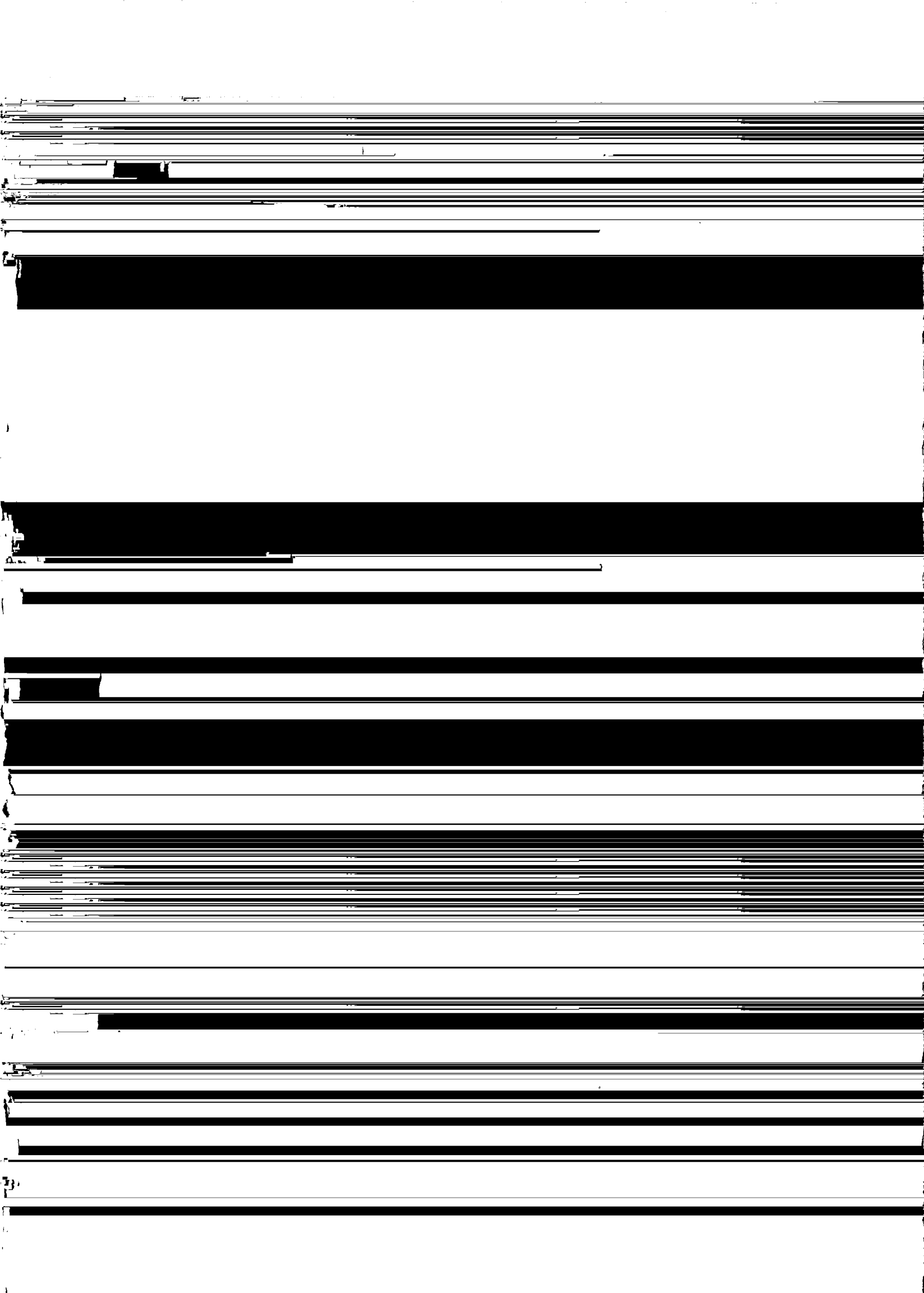
Supreme Court judgment dated 13.11.2000 in I.A.No.2 in WP No.337/1995 regarding diversion/

denotification of forest land and that the de-reservation/ de-notification of forest villages and other such

villages is stayed. There are several other issues also connected with the conversion of forest villages

forest rights under Section 3(1) in accordance with

procedure, like any other forest right specified in



sinto revenue villages.

traditional forest dwellers

- The process of recognition and vesting of forest rights in the forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and

| _____ | primarily residing in the said village | prior to the 13th day of December, 2005 "*primarily* |

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Guidelines for conversion of forest villages into revenue villages under the

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

(a) every panchayat, within its boundaries, prepares a list of group of hamlets or

habitations, unrecorded or un-surveyed settlements or forest villages or taungya villages, formally not part of any Revenue or Forest village record and have this list

included as villages for the purpose of the Act through a resolution in the

Panchayat and submit such list to Sub Division Level Committee.

(b) the Sub-Divisional Officers of the Sub Division Level Committee consolidate the lists

of hamlets and habitations which at present are not part of any village but have

convert all such erstwhile forest villages, unrecorded settlements and old

habitations into revenue villages with a sense of urgency in a time bound manner.

including lands required for current or future community uses, like schools, health

facilities, public spaces etc. Records of the forest villages maintained by the Forest

and other villages on forest land, whether recorded, notified, or not, into revenue

villages under section 3(1)(h) of the Act, shall be made collectively by the Gram

claim within a period of three months after posting of a notice as referred to

the Gram Sabha with specific instructions on the additional required information.

12. After examining the claim, map and the List, the Sub-Divisional Level Committee

steps to recognize the right of conversion for the concerned village. Within two

weeks of the decision of the District level Committee, the Collector will initiate necessary proceedings to convert the village into a revenue village and settle the