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**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes Development Department – Approval of Report of the Working Group on the implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 – Orders issued.

**SCHEDULED CASTES/SCHEDULED TRIBES DEVELOPMENT(D)DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Ms)No. 62/2008/SCSTDD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 03.06.2008**

- Read: 1. G.O.(Rt)207/2008/SCSTDD dated 25.02.2008.
- 2. Report submitted by the Working Group on April 2008.

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**ORDER**

The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, came into force on 31.12.2006 and the Rules for the implementation of the Act was published on 01.01.2008. This Act recognizes and vests rights on the Scheduled Tribes and other Forest Dwellers in the utilization of forest and forest resources. An interministerial meeting with the participation of the Hon'ble Minister (W SC & Elec), Hon'ble Minister(Revenue), Hon'ble Minister (Forest), and senior officers of respective departments was convened on 05.02.2008 to discuss the scope for implementing the Act, with the co-ordination of the concerned departments. A Working Group consisting of 12 members was constituted as per the Government Order read above to study various aspects pertaining to the implementation of the Act and to prepare a Master Plan thereon. Accordingly the Working Group with the Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department as the Chairman, submitted its report in April, 2008.

2. After having examined the Report of the Working Group in detail Government are pleased to approve the Report of the Working Group regarding the implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006. Regarding constitution of Grama Sabha, Government are also pleased to accept the recommendation to constitute the Grama Sabha as referred to in clause 2(g) of Act 2 of 2007 at the Village (Ward) level of the Grama Panchayath and to constitute Forest Rights Committees, Sub Divisional Committees, District Level Committees and State Level Monitoring Committees according to the norms fixed in the Working Group Report appended herewith.

