

Gramsabha Mendha (Lekha)

Tah. Dhanora, Dist. Gadchiroli

**“ We have our Government
in Delhi and Mumbai ;
But in our village,
We ourselves are the Government ”**

About our village...

- All the decisions pertaining to our village are taken by us, all the adult men and women in the village, collectively through consensus
- Every person contributes 10% of his/her income in cash to Village Fund
- Each family contributes 2.5% of its produce in the Grain Bank

- Village is involved in Joint Forest Management Programme from 1992. Protecting 1809.61 hectares of forest, within 5 compartments
- Members from 4 families do the forest patrolling every day and record the observations
- Gramsabha vested with Community Forest Right over 1809.61 hectares under Forest Rights Act on 28th August 2009
- 80% households use Deenbandhu biogas plant for clean cooking

- A women's Self-help group is running Fair Price Shop and has applied for Kerosene license
- A women's SHG is managing 'Gitti Khadan' and Brick production
- SHG of youth is involved in non-destructive honey collection. Recently started a full fledged Honey Processing Unit
- Youth SHG has taken up Bamboo Value addition activity. Various machines and tools are being used for quality production

- Gramsabha has established Computer training centre with audio-visual aids through its 'Village Fund'
- Youth SHG is acquiring technical skills to become 'Barefoot Engineers' to implement MNREGA through Gramsabha
- A team is trained in Video shooting, script writing, editing etc. Made short clips on Honey, Bamboo Struggle

Community Forest Rights' Title (Record of Rights)

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जमाती कार्य मंत्रालय
अनुसूचित जमाती व इतर पारंपारिक वन निवासी (वन हक्क मान्य करणे)
अधिनियम २००६, नियम, २००८
सामुहिक वन हक्कांचे हक्क
जोडपत्र - तीन
(पह्या नियम- ८ (ज))

जिल्हा प्रकरण क्रमांक. १२०० /०९

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| २. गांव/ ग्रामसभा :- | मु.पो. (लेखा) (मेंढा) |
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| ४. तहसिल/ तालुका :- | धानोरा |
| ५. जिल्हा :- | गडचिरोली |
| ६. अनुसूचित जमाती आहे की, / इतर पारंपारिक वन निवासी आहे :- | अनुसूचित जमाती |
| ७. सामुहिक हक्कांचे स्वरूप :- | गांव समाजाचे दाव्यातील बाब क्र. १, २, ३, ४, ५, ६, प्रमाणे निस्तार हक्क व इतर वरील नियमाप्रमाणे लागू असलेले हक्क) |
| ८. शर्ती काही असल्यास :- | शासनाचे नियमाप्रमाणे |
| ९. रुढी प्राप्त सीमांसह/किंवा खसरा/खंड क्र. यासह ठळक सीमांदिष्टे दर्शवून केलेले सीमांचे वर्णन. :- | आराजी. १८०९.६१ हेक्टर कंपा.नं. सर्वे नं. ४६८, ४६९, ४७०, ४७१, ५११ |

सामुहिक वन हक्क धारकांचे नांव (धारकांची नावे)

१. मौजा (लेखा) मेंढा येथील समस्त नागरीक
२. निस्तार पत्रकातील तरतुदी नुसार नसेच गौण वनोस्पती.
३. कायदेशिर हक्कांना मान्यता देण्यांत येते.
४. दाव्यातील १, २, ३, ४, ५, ६, प्रमाणे निस्तार हक्क व इतर सर्व हक्क मान्य.

आम्ही खालील सही करणारे महाराष्ट्र शासन यांच्यासाठी व त्यांच्या वतीने, सामुहिक वनहक्कांच्या उपरोल्लिखित धारकांना शिर्षकात उल्लेखिल्याप्रमाणे वनहक्क कायम करण्यासाठी आमच्या स्वाक्षऱ्या करीत आहोत. निस्तार पत्रकात नमूद असलेले ख.नं. पूर्णर मोजणी नंतर बदलले असल्याने नवीन सर्व्हे नंबर नुसार ते लागू होतील. ज्या जमिनी पूर्वी वाटप झाल्या व आता वैयक्तिक वन हक्क देण्यात येत आहे त्या वगळून उर्वरीत जमिनीवर सामुहिक हक्क लागू राहतील.

विभागीय वन अधिकारी/उप वन संरक्षक
गडचिरोली



अप्पर आयुक्त आदिवासी विकास विभाग,
नागपूर

28 AUG 2009

जिल्हाधिकारी/ उपायुक्त

Record of Rights handed over to Gramsabha by Hon.Governor S. C. Jameer on 15th December 2009



अखेर ६२ वर्षांनी लेखामेंढावासीयांचा जंगलावरील सामूदायिक दावा मान्य

गडचिरोली ठरला देशातील पहिला जिल्हा ✦ ४८० गावकऱ्यांच्या जिद्दीचा विजय

जिल्हाबरोबरीचा पारंग, पानी न्यायवाच, योग्य ठावर पोळा करणे, लवची रिकी करणे, लवचक असेलना निवडणे

Using new Tribal Act, two Maharashtra villages get community rights to forest

VIVEK DESHPANDE
NAGPUR, AUGUST 16

In what is possibly a first in the country, two tribal villages in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district have successfully claimed community rights over the forest around their villages under the new tribal Act, The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act.

Gadchiroli district guardian minister Ramesh Bang, in his Independence Day address, declared the de-

"This is the first such decision in the country and we are extremely happy that the Collector and Bang took active lead in making this a reality," said tribal activist Mohan Hirabai Hirabai. From now on, Mendha-Lekha and Marda will have legal rights to manage and utilise about 1,800 and 880 hectares of forests respectively.

Will the government leave the forests to the good sense of the communities which may not always be the case? "That is how forests have traditionally survived," said Collec-



Mendha-Lekha gets rights to 1800 hectares

SHREKHAR S01

A Republican Paradise: Mendha



Manual developed in Mendha for
claiming Community Forest Rights

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चंद्रपूर - गडचिरोली

लेखन / संपादन

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देवाजी नवलू तोफा (वृक्षमित्र)	मो. नं. 9421734018
सुबोध कुलकर्णी (ज्ञान प्रबोधिनी)	मो. नं. 9422907330
नितीन बारसिंगे (वेध)	मो. नं. 9423122954

(आर्थिक सहयोग : स्विसअेड इंडिया, पुणे)



Case study of
Successful
Community Rights'
claim process
evolved in Mendha
documented by
NCAS for replication
at National level



Process of Exercising Community Rights

- ✓ Community Rights recognised on 14th August 2009
- ✓ Record of Rights prepared on 28th August 2009
- ✓ Title handed over to Gramsabha on 15th Dec. 2009
- ✓ To exercise ownership right over Minor Forest Produce, Village wrote first letter regarding bamboo harvesting on 18th Jan.2010 and met all officials
- ✓ No response...bamboo season ended!
- ✓ Then several communications...
- ✓ GS received first letter from DCF on 3rd Feb.2011 which denies rights
- ✓ GS established right on 15th Feb.2011 by cutting and selling bamboos. Gadchiroli MLA began purchase by paying Rs.25/- and asked for Transit Pass. Several others followed...

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In a historic move Gram Sabha members sell bamboos to people

लेखामेंढावासियों ने शुरू की बांस की खुली बिक्री

वन हक के तहत पहला आंदोलन

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बांबूतोडीसाठी लेखामेंढातील आदिवासींनी केले आंदोलन

सामुदायिक वनहक्कालाही वनखात्याचा नकार

मेंढा (लेखा) गाव स्वतःच झाले सरकार

विरोध झुगारत बांबू विक्री सुरू; आमदार उसेंडी पहिले खरीददार

लढाई हक्काची

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A large debate over bamboo started all over the country

जयराम रमेश
JAIRAM RAMESH



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ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS
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NEW DELHI - 110 003
21st March 2011

My dear Kivan

Sub: Declaration and treatment of Bamboo as Minor Forest Produce

The FRA, 2006 also defines minor forest produce as including "all non-timber forest produce of plant origin **including bamboo** ...and the like". In the light of these legal provisions, and the significance of bamboo in the lives and livelihoods of many communities, **you are requested to direct the State Forest Departments to treat bamboo as a Minor Forest Produce** and respect the rights accrued to communities as per the FRA, 2006.

Next steps for State Government:

The acceptance of bamboo as MFP has many consequences for the state government and the forest administration. These are identified below:

a. Areas where rights to Community Forest Resource are recognized and vested under FRA, 2006:

1. **Gram Sabha will issue transit passes:** The Forest Departments must give the Gram Sabha the right to issue transit passes for bamboo as minor forest produce in areas designated as community forest resources (declared under

Yours sincerely,
Jairam Ramesh
(Jairam Ramesh)



हमारी कोशिश है कि हम, भूमि अधिकारों के साथ गौण वनोपज जैसे - बॉस, दूँठ, आंवला, बेड़ा, शहद, लाख, मोम, तेंदू पत्ते इत्यादि, के सामुदायिक अधिकारों की ओर विशेष ध्यान दें, क्योंकि आदिवासियों के जीवन में इसका एक विशेष महत्व है। मेरे स्थानीय आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में तो, आदिवासी परिवारों की 50-60 प्रतिशत आजीविका इसी पर निर्भर है।
कांतिलाल भुरिया

Forest titles only on paper

Officials deny tribal village its forest management rights

APARNA PALLAV Nagpur

MENDHA LEXHA in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra was one of the first two villages in India to claim community ownership over its forests last December. Six months after they got their forest titles, the tribal villagers find bureaucratic hurdles are hampering their powers under the Forest Rights Act of 2006.



Villagers can sell bamboo items, but not bamboo

resident. "Nutsara has never been a problem. What we have got is nuisance department's plan under the new law, Dharankar said villagers could prepare



- ✓ And finally....Bamboo liberated!
On 27th April 2011 Hon. Jairam Ramesh, CM Prithwiraj Chauhan arrived in Mendha and handed over Transit Pass Book to Gramsabha
- ✓ Very Few days left for harvesting...
Village geared up, mobilised resources and completed harvesting of 90,000 bamboos
- ✓ Gramsabha made turnover of Rs.22 Lakhs, while villagers earned Rs.8 Lakhs in the form of labour charges. Long Bamboo sold at the rate of Rs.23/- for each piece
- ✓ In 2011-12 Gramsabha has started process for Inviting Tenders to get competitive price



Bamboo debate...

Bamboo puzzle stumps govt. Decision Key For Tribals , As They Profit From Sales If It's Defined As Grass, Not Tree
Times of India, Jan 17, 2011

Is bamboo a tree or a grass?

Down to Earth, Dec 15, 2010

Forest dept shut out of woods

Indian Express, Jul 11 2011

Govt to amend Forest Act to end harassment of tribals

Times of India, Jan 3, 2011

Betrayal via bamboo
Down to Earth, Jun 30, 2011

Outsider in own home, Maharashtra village wrests control of forest produce sale
Telegraph, 18 May 2011

Village adamant on harvesting bamboo, Govt not sure they can

Indian Express, 18 Feb 2011



Rethink growth with forest capital
Down to Earth, May 31, 2011

India's Rural Development Linked to Bamboo Trade

Voice of America 29 Apr 11



The big idea for change: bamboo as grass
DTE, 30 Apr 2011



Time to benefit from bamboo

Business Standard 25 Apr 11



बांबू विक्रीची परवानगी देणार असाल तरच या

पंचगुर, २६ एप्रिल, प्रतिनिधी
जंगलवासी विकासाच्या
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Jairam visit: Village says no passes, no programme

VIVEK DESHPANDE
NAGPUR | APRIL 23
UNION Environment and Forest Minister Jairam Ramesh, who will visit Mendha-Lekha village in Gadchiroli on April 27 is expected to make some "important" announcements, one of them pertaining to the much-disputed minor forest produce (MFP) bamboo. The village, however, hasn't yet been officially informed about the nature



As reported earlier, Ramesh had written to state governments

Alok Joshi told The Indian Express that as the detailed programme of the visit hasn't yet arrived, he can't say if TPs are going to be distributed. TPs are required by villagers to transport and sell bamboo but the issue has been hanging fire as the Maharashtra Forest Department has not taken a decision despite demands from the villagers. The first village in the country to get community rights over forest under the Forest Rights Act

बांबू विक्रीची परवाना पुस्तिका आज समारंभपूर्वक देणार

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बांस को मिलेगी वन विभाग से मुक्ति

27 अप्रैल को मेंढाटोला में दूसरी बार लिखा जाएगा इतिहास
कैदीय एवरेटन जंरी
जयराम रमेश मुख्यमंत्री
पृथ्वीराज चौहान की
उपस्थिति में करेंगे
इतिहास



पाहुण्यांच्या स्वागतासाठी मेंढ्यात लगबग सुरू



बांबू गौण वन उपज दर्जाप्रदान कार्यक्रम

केंद्र व राज्य शासनाचे संयुक्त विद्यमाने बांबुला गौण वन उपजाचा दर्जा देवून तद् अनुषंगिक वन हक्क प्रदान करण्याचा कार्यक्रम दिनांक २७ एप्रिल, २०११ रोजी मौजा लेखामेंढा ता. धानोरा येथे सकाळी ११.०० वाजता खालील मान्यवरांच्या उपस्थितीत आयोजित केलेला आहे.

स्थळ- लेखामेंढा ता. धानोरा जि. गडचिरोली दिनांक :- २७ एप्रिल २०११
वेळ :- सकाळी ११.०० वाजता

कार्यक्रमाचे अध्यक्ष	कार्यक्रमाचे उद्घाटक	प्रमुख उपस्थिती
 मा. ना. श्री. पुष्पवाराजजी चव्हाण मुख्यमंत्री, महाराष्ट्र राज्य	 मा. ना. श्री. जयराजजी रमेश राज्यमंत्री (स्वातंत्र्य प्रभार) वन व पर्यावरण, भारत सरकार	 मा. ना. श्री. आर. आर. पाटील गृहमंत्री, महाराष्ट्र राज्य, तथा, पालकमंत्री गडचिरोली जिल्हा

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ता. धानोरा जि. गडचिरोली

बांस को मिल गई आजादी

जयराज के हाथों टीपी का वितरण

बांस आधारित उद्योग निर्माण हो : सीएम

मेंढा झाले 'पिपली' लाईव्ह

बांस आधारित उद्योग निर्माण हो : सीएम

धक्का देऊन सुरू होते ते सरकार

बांबू वन कायद्यातून मुक्त

विलीनीकृत सरकार आले गल्लीता!

ऐतिहासिक समारोह लेखामेंढा ग्रामसभा को मिली देश की पहली बांस टीपी

‘वन विभाग मन से भय निकाल दे’


- प्रमुख घोषणाएं**
- बांबूला में गौण वन उपजा दर्जा देवून तद् अनुषंगिक वन हक्क प्रदान करण्याचा कार्यक्रम दिनांक २७ एप्रिल, २०११ रोजी मौजा लेखामेंढा ता. धानोरा येथे सकाळी ११.०० वाजता खालील मान्यवरांच्या उपस्थितीत आयोजित केलेला आहे.
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NOTICE-INVITING TENDER

GRAM SABHA MENDHA (LEKHA)

NOTICE-INVITING TENDER FOR THE ADVANCE SALE OF BAMBOOS TO BE EXTRACTED FROM COMPARTMENT NO. 470 & 468 OF MENDHA AND BORIA BAMBOO FELLING SERIES RESPECTIVELY OF SOUTH DHANORA RANGE, GADCHIROLI FOREST DIVISION OF MAHARASHTRA STATE.

1. As per the resolution no. 3 Dated 15.08.2011 passed in the meeting of Gram Sabha Mendha (Lekha) and Pursuant to The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and the rules made there under Sealed Tenders in the prescribed tender form are invited by the Gram Sabha Mendha (Lekha) as per terms and condition of Tender for the advance sale of bamboos to be extracted from compartments No. 470 & 468 of Mendha and Boria felling series respectively of South Dhanora Range of Gadchiroli Division, M.S.
2. A blank tender in the prescribed form and other documents relating thereto will be available in the office of the Gram Sabha from 06.09.2011 to 12.09.2011 from 11.00 AM to 5.00 P.M. on all working days on payment of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only) in cash which amount shall not be refunded under any circumstances. Form of tender and other documents relating there to are non transferable.
3. Tender in the prescribed form duly filled in signed and completed in all respect and accompanied by earnest money amount equivalent to 10% (Ten Percent) of the total purchase price offered by the tenderer for the purchase of cut and collected bamboos for which the tender has been submitted should be forwarded by registered post with A.D. in the sealed envelope superscribed with the following words and should reach at the under mentioned address before 14.00 hours on Dt. 14.09.2011:-
*** TENDER FOR THE ADVANCE SALE OF BAMBOOS AS PER NOTICE- INVITING TENDER BY GRAM SABHA MENDHA (LEKHA) ***
or should be dropped in the sealed box kept for the purpose in the office of the Gram Sabha at Mendha (Lekha) on date 14.09.2011 from 10.00 to 14.00 hours. The tenders will be opened in the office of the Gram Sabha on same day at 15.00 hrs in the presence of the tenderer or their representative who may be present at that time.
4. Purchase rate exclusive of taxes will be quoted for the bamboos. The act of tendering shall be deemed to be unreserved acceptance of all the terms and conditions of the Tender Inviting Notice & Conditions of Tender and contract and form of Agreement.
5. The Right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof is reserved by the Gram Sabha.
6. For any further information please contact:- Shri Devaji Navalu Tofa, At Mendha (Lekha) or on Cell No. 09421734018 or Shri Mohan Hirabai Hiralal on Cell No. 09422835234 or Shri Subodh Kulkarni on Cell No. 09422907330.

Date:- 22.08.2011

Place:- Mendha (Lekha)

For and on behalf of the
Gram Sabha Mendha (Lekha)
Post Heti, Taluka Dhanora, Dist. Gadchiroli (M.S.)
Pin Code- 442 606

Future Projects Envisaged...

- To adopt relevant nursery techniques for commercial cultivation of various species of bamboos that are technically compatible as the raw material for housing, furniture and other articles
- To promote technology of post-harvest treatment of bamboo to enhance its shelf life i.e. saving it from fungi, bacteria, insect borers and rot
- To arrange skill development trainings of bamboo cultivation, post-harvest process, value addition and market promotion for sustainable livelihood
- To transform 'Gotul' into a Community owned 'Vibrant Experiential Learning Centre' equipped with modern tools and methodologies, open for all the people!

Our Submission...

- For all the other villages in Gadchiroli district, Zilha Parishad and Revenue Dept. should own the responsibility of preparing the CFR claims through a time-bound campaign.
- In case of all villages other than Mendha(Lekha) and Marda, illegal terms & conditions are mentioned in the Record of Rights (Title) which contravenes the provisions and basic objectives of the Act and rules. Immediate action should be taken to remove the same to gain confidence and trust of the people in such disturbed areas. Any authority denying the rights should be punished as per the Act.
- Gramsabha, vested with CFR should be given status of “Village Bio-Diversity Management Committee” (VBMC)” under Sec.41 of the ‘Bio-Diversity Act, 2002’. The capacity building of this VBMC shall be done to prepare People’s Biodiversity Register (PBR) and use it in the planning process.

- Gramsabha (GS) should be empowered by providing financial assistance and appropriate training for preparing 'Integrated Watershed Development Programme' and implement the same on priority under NREGA and MREGS.
- A team of youths selected by GS should be given technical training for preparation of work designs & budget estimates; getting them sanctioned by the authority and then implementation under NREGA and MREGS. GS should be granted with 5% amount of the total sanctioned budget directly for this activity.
- In the section 9(b) of the GR about Joint Forest Management Programme of the Govt. it has been mentioned clearly that- "50% of the total amount gained from the auction of forest produce (Excl.the amt of Sales Tax, Forest Development tax and Income Tax) will be transferred in cash to the respective JFMC of the village."

Mendha(Lekha) and many other villages in Gadchiroli are actively participating in the programme from 1992 till date and eligible for this share as certified by the Forest Department. JFMC's have not been shown a Statement of Accounts ever. his long pending amount should be immediately released to the respected JFMC's to gain trust amongst the communities.

- Villages which have been vested Community Right, should be given training and necessary working capital support for Bamboo cutting activity and other MFP collection, processing and marketing. Minimum support price (MSP) mechanism should be developed. All the procedural documents such as Transit Pass Book (TP) should be provided to Gramsabha. This will build trust that the Acts and Laws for the people are not only on paper.
- Voluntary Organisations and Individuals supporting the Gramsabhas should be involved officially in all the district level committees and meetings.

