



Scheduled Tribes (ST) living in forest villages in the country

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Total number of Scheduled Tribes (STs) living in forest villages in the country, State /UT wise, are given below:-

Sl. No.	India / State /UT	ST Population in Forest Villages
	INDIA	1332265
1	Jammu & Kashmir	56539
2	Himachal Pradesh	0
3	Punjab	0
4	Chandigarh	0
5	Uttarakhand	2538
6	Haryana	0
7	NCT of Delhi	0
8	Rajasthan	0
9	Uttar Pradesh	1523
10	Bihar	0
11	Sikkim	893
12	Arunachal Pradesh	0
13	Manipur	0
14	Nagaland	0
15	Mizoram	0
16	Tripura	0
17	Meghalaya	0
18	Assam	329445
19	West Bengal	0
20	Jharkhand	5762
21	Odisha	2120
22	Chhattisgarh	179423

23	Madhya Pradesh	635671
24	Gujarat	29624
25	Daman & Diu	0
26	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0
27	Maharashtra	80181
28	Andhra Pradesh	341
29	Karnataka	0
30	Goa	0
31	Lakshadweep	0
32	Kerala	0
33	Tamil Nadu	7764
34	Puducherry	0
35	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	441

Source: Census 2011, Office of Registrar General, India

Section 4(5) of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 provides specific safeguards against the eviction or removal of a member of forest dwelling Scheduled Tribe or Other Traditional Forest Dweller from forest land under his occupation till the recognition and verification procedure is complete. The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 also provides special safeguards for Scheduled Tribes with regard to their land rights and livelihood.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs, vide its letter No.23011/33/2010-FRA dated 08.11.2013, has issued guidelines to all State Governments /UT Administrations on conversion of forest villages, old habitations, unsurveyed villages, etc. into revenue villages.

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