

State Coordinator- Resource Rights Program, Telangana

Centre for Pastoralism (CfP) works on a range of pastoralists' issues across the country. One of our overarching goals is to facilitate the Pastoral communities access forage through implementation of Forest Rights Act 2006 and achieving tenurial security for the community.

CfP is currently working with the pastoral communities across five states and with government agencies to facilitate the filing of claims to traditionally grazed lands and community forest resources through the Forest Rights Act (2006). The primary focus of the resource rights program is to raise awareness amongst the communities about their rights and entitlements, facilitate CFR claims and build capacity of youths within the community to drive the process and also engage in continuous engagement for smooth implementation of CFR amongst the government functionaries.

Currently we have facilitated submission of 30 CFR claims in the Nagarkurnool and Nalgonda districts of Telangana, with focused work around the villages of Tiger Reserve.

Location: The state coordinator will be working from Hyderabad, Telangana, with intensive travel to the different districts of Telangana with Pastoral Population. S/he will be closely working with WASSAN and CONARE, our partner organizations involved in the implementation of the program.

State Coordinator is expected to:

- 1.) Oversee the programmatic activities and facilitate implementation of the CFR by coordinating with the CONARE field staff placed in different districts of Telangana;
- 2.) Engage in engagement with concerned SDLC and DLC to follow up the pending claims ;
- 3.) Organizing regular training and capacity building programs for the Pastoral youths and representatives of Breeders' Association from each block;
- 4.) Regular coordination and engagement with the district administration, SDLCs, DLC and SLMCs regarding facilitation of Forest Rights Act 2006.
- 5.) Case Study Preparation & Documentation of success stories on CFR claim making process from the respective districts
- 6.) Prepare monthly/quarterly plan and progress report, update program monitoring software on monthly basis.

Desired experience and qualifications:

We are looking for someone who has some understanding about the Forest Rights Act, Pastoralism and pastoral activities in Telangana. Previous field experience is highly desirable.

The candidate must have the following qualifications:

- A bachelors or master's degree in law, social sciences or a similar field,
- Ability to travel across field sites and engage in advocacy,
- Should be able to work efficiently in teams and individually,
- Proficiency in Telugu is desirable.

We will accept applications till January 31, 2024 and start shortlisting candidates for interviews and continue until the position is filled. Please write to **Ms. Rituja Mitra (rituja@centreforpastoralism.org)** for more information on CfP, the project or the position. To apply, please submit your CV and a Cover Letter.