A few years ago, Pradeep Brahma, Secretary of Forest Rights and Development, said, 'I used to go to Goa in search of fish. It has been a big change for me.'

In the old forest dwellers' village, the people were deprived of their right to education. The most unfortunate thing was that we had no identity of our own. Without other places to eke out a living, the most unfortunate fact was that we had no option except to migrate to other places to eke out a living. The most unfortunate fact was that we had no identity of our own.

The event was received with great enthusiasm and was followed by the establishment of the Forest Rights and Development Action Committee (FRC) on 16th March 2008. Since its first sitting, the FRC started receiving individual and community claims for forest land. Once the process of receiving of forest land was over, the FRC invited participation of the Teolshwar and Welfare Extension Officer of Tanganagpur Block. Consequently, in September 2008, the Forest Department came to the village for joint verification. The village prepared a list of all the claim forms before SELC, Sundarla. Meanwhile, the SELC officials lost all the claim forms, but fortunately, the claimants had the opportunity of even the most unfortunate thing was that we had no identity of our own.