

Let Justice Roll



NewsWatch on Livelihood, Food Security, Land Rights, Gender, Identity & Social Exclusion

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Vision

"Where there is justice in the land, fields and forest every living being will dance and sing"



Mission

In the spirit of service and sacrifice of Christ, CNI-SBSS would like to accompany DBSS and its partners to engage with the reference communities, so that they will develop the capacity (skills and assets) to negotiate with the policy makers and to realize their rights and emerge as an alternative political force. To move towards this direction, communities would be sensitized socially, politically, economically and culturally to organize themselves and claim their rights over livelihood means while protecting their identity.

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News of the Fortnight

Special Economic Zones



impact of SEZ on the overall development of countries which created SEZs.

This communiqué with a few basic reading materials on SEZ raise these issues.

As far as India is concerned, India was the first Asian country to take the free zone initiative and set up the first zone in Kandla as early as in 1965, but its economic contribution remained minuscule at the national level. The share of SEZs in exports was a mere 5 per cent in 2004-05. Furthermore, they accounted for only 1 per cent of factory sector employment and 0.32 per cent of factory investment in the same year. Their contribution to regional economies has also been limited.

In the present context, with incident likes Nandigram keeps occurring, the ministry of commerce has dispelled all criticisms of the SEZ policy. The fact remains that the SEZ Act was framed without giving adequate thought to most of the fundamental issues. Critics say "no exercise was undertaken to ensure that legal institutions are in place for massive land acquisition. No long-term strategy was drawn to counter the socio-economic consequences of the scheme. Even amid heavy criticism of the policy, no serious research has been conducted on how SEZs will affect the regional economy, how much fertile land will actually be lost, how many farmers will be affected and what the tax implications of SEZs will be. If these fundamental non-negotiable are not fulfilled, incidents like Nandigram will continue to happen where the poor hapless will lose their life.

**Sell my inheritance..... No! Never!
The day I sell it, that day will "I" Die!**

(1 Kings 21:1-16)

Resources

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What is SEZ? [Click here](#)

SEZ ACT 2005 [Click here](#)

A discussion of the pros and cons of the controversial SEZ policy [Click here](#)

The Nandigram incident has once again triggered the kind of development is being promoted [Click here](#)

What is the impact of SEZs on environment; rules and regulations related to environmental impact analysis, the case of Karnataka [Click here](#)

SEZs policies which benefit the rich at the expense of the poor expose the utter ignorance of ground realities by both the central and state governments [Click here](#)

The neoliberal ideology pretends that the benefits of high growth trickle down automatically to the poor, but this proposition is not only empirically dubious; it is politically foolish in a parliamentary democracy says Amit Bhaduri [Click here](#)

The general impression that China's SEZs are a remarkable success is an incomplete one. They have brought about severe economic and social problems [Click here](#)



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