

Let Justice Roll



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

About Us

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

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce disfavors SEZ



made "people-friendly".

"The committee feels that the undue haste in approving SEZ proposals and the consequent proliferation of SEZs have contributed to the development of resistance against the SEZ policy. There is an imperative need to understand the cause of farmers' agitation and grievance," and "giving huge chunks of cultivable land for SEZs and other non-agriculture projects will have a huge impact on the nation's food security" the committee said.

The Committee further says:

- 1) There should be a complete ban on the use of irrigated double cropland for setting up SEZs.
- 2) The committee has recommended a ceiling of 2,000 hectares for setting up multi-product SEZs in cultivable land and 5,000 hectares on wasteland.
- 3) There are several crucial factors related to agriculture, compensation, housing, administration, security, and trade that have totally been ignored.
- 4) Land should be taken from farmers on lease so that they can retain the ownership and get periodical payments from developers instead of lump-sum payment.

With these recommendations, the Government is bound to give its Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Committee's report in three months and members said the committee would pursue the matter until their recommendations are implemented.

But we the members of civil society should ask fundamental questions; such as

- 1) What was the result of SEZ in other countries and their

Resources

Special Economic Zones

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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contribution to overall progress of the communities?
2) What is the impact of SEZ on the environment?
3) What is the level of pollution from SEZ and its contributions to global level impact on climate and why does government bar SEZ from acquiring environmental clearance mechanism?

Without asking these fundamental questions and doing multi level viability study, government cannot formulate policies like SEZ in the name of people. Let we as civil society organizations loudly ask these questions to the haste policy makers and make them accountable and frame out policies transparently where the concerns of every citizen is taken into consideration.

Mobilise communities against SEZ

Use this Report for Policy Advocacy

Demand Action Taken Report from Government

Its time to ACT !

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