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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

The Rehabilitation & Resettlement Bill

A Bill to provide for the rehabilitation and resettlement of persons affected by the acquisition of land for projects of public purpose or involuntary displacement due to any other reason, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.



The Lok Sabha passed the Rehabilitation and Resettlement Bill and the Land Acquisition Amendment Bill on Wednesday 25th February 2009. The Rehabilitation and Resettlement Bill aims to prevent

large-scale displacement of people over the acquisition of land for projects such as economic zones. The bill now needs to be approved by the Rajya Sabha and President of India before becoming a law.

In India, land is acquired by the government for public purpose under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894. However, until 2003, the country did not have a national level policy to address rehabilitation and resettlement of people displaced by land acquisition projects. The National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy was framed in 2003 and revised in 2007.

- The R&R Bill, 2007 provides for benefits and compensation to people displaced by land acquisition purchases or any other involuntary displacement.
- The proposed R&R and LA Act would state that government can acquire land for a private entity only after the latter had purchased 70% of the required land on its own.
- For large scale displacement, the government shall conduct a social impact assessment.
- The Bill outlines minimum benefits for displaced families and the criteria for eligibility. Benefits may include land, house, monetary compensation, skills training and preference for jobs.
- The Bill identifies the central government as the appropriate government for R&R if the land is acquired for a central project; in other cases, the responsibility lies with the state government.

Resources

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Background of the National Rehabilitation Policy

In 1985, a Committee under B D Sharma, then commissioner for SC and ST, was created to form a policy for displaced tribal communities. The Committee suggested a uniform policy for all those displaced [Click here](#)

An Outline of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement Bill, 2007

The Rehabilitation and Resettlement Bill, 2007 (Appendix-I) was introduced in Lok Sabha on 6 December, 2007 and was referred to the Standing Committee on Rural Development on 7 December, 2007... [Click here](#)

Draft National Development, Displacement And Rehabilitation Policy January 2006

Objectives, Guiding Principles, Scope & Applicability, Rehabilitation Package, Changes in the Land Acquisition Act & Institutional Structures. [Click here](#)

PRS Legislative Research

The Legislative Brief on Rehabilitation & Resettlement Bill [Click here](#)

This issue is only an outline and brief introduction on the Rehabilitation & Resettlement Bill, a detailed analysis & report pertaining to the impact of this Bill will come in the forthcoming issues of LJR.

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