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THE PROBLEMS OF LAND ALIENATION: THE EXPERIENCE OF TRIBAL PEOPLE IN TELANGANA STATE

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ABSTRACT

The tribal population in the state of Telangana is the most deprived and vulnerable community that faces severe economic exclusion, Land is the primary sense of livelihood for the tribals. The main problem of land alienation among Adivasi societies has remained unresolved for more than a century. The adivasi economy in Telangana before the advent of the Britishers was relatively self-sufficient. Forest and lands were their survival sources of life. The entry of the colonial state in essence fixed norms of privatisation of public properties created levels of various agrarian classes, consisting of non-adivasi migrant peasants, contract tenants and other non-adivasi agricultural labourers. This resulted in the adivasi being suppressed, pushed to imprisonment, an explanation for the decade-wise increase in the number of landless adivasis. Land alienation in Telangana scheduled areas continued in spite of this legislation.

KEYWORDS: Telangana, land alienation, tribal people in Telangana state.

