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6.3 Developmental projects and their impact on tribal displacement and problems of rehabilitation. Development of forest policy and tribals. Impact of urbanisation and industrialisation on tribal populations.

Core demand of the question

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- Keep the answer to a 20-mark length of about 250 words

Revision summary

NGOs in tribal areas are accused of blocking mines and missions of conversion.

Some deserve critique as brokers or parallel patrons.

Elwin and Panchsheel already valued non-official protection of land.

FRA and **PESA** claims often need NGO paralegals.

The test is whether the gram sabha is strengthened or replaced.

Introduction

NGOs in the tribal heartland run schools, health, FRA help, and sometimes opposition to mines. The charge of interference mixes real failures with a wish to silence consent.

Body

The critique

- States and companies say NGOs delay roads, dams, and minerals and import a foreign agenda.
- Some outfits do run parallel patronage, poor accounts, or mission conversion that **Ghurye** would have called a rival assimilation.
- A few become gatekeepers of funds, reproducing the broker **Bailey** saw in village politics.

The other file

- **Nehru's Panchsheel** and **Elwin** already wanted non-official friends of tribes against land grab. That is not interference; it is the ethic of consent.
- **PESA** and **FRA** need paralegal help because departments reject claims. NGOs often are that help.
- **Fifth Schedule** belts of Jharkhand, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh show mines arriving faster than titles. Critique of NGOs can be a critique of witnesses.

A balanced anthropology

- **L. P. Vidyarthi** would ask whether the NGO respects the nature-man-spirit complex or only a project log-frame.
- Useful NGOs translate; extractive NGOs replace the gram sabha.
- The developmental process itself is contested. Calling every objection interference assumes that the mine is development.

Flow diagram

NGOs -> FRA PESA help
NGOs -> Broker conversion
Gram sabha -> Test of interference

Conclusion

Some NGOs interfere as brokers or sects. Many others operationalise FRA and **PESA**. The fair test is gram sabha consent, not the comfort of the project authority.

Facts & figures

FRA 2006

Forest-rights law whose claim process NGOs often help villagers file.

Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA)

Requires community consent that companies may call NGO-led interference.

Verrier Elwin

Model of the non-official friend of tribes against dispossession.

Fifth Schedule heartland

Jharkhand-Odisha-Chhattisgarh belt where the NGO-mine clash is sharpest.

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