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Q19

**The persisting drives of the government for development of large industries in backward areas have resulted in isolating the tribal population and the farmers who face multiple displacements. With Malkangiri and Naxalbari foci, discuss the corrective strategies needed to win the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) doctrine affected citizens back into mainstream of social and economic growth.**

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Linkages between development and spread of extremism.

**Core demand of the question**

- Link large-industry drives in backward areas to tribal and farmer displacement, with **Malkangiri** and Naxalbari as foci
- Discuss corrective strategies to bring Left Wing Extremism-affected citizens into mainstream growth

**Revision summary**

**Naxalbari (1967)** began as a land and dignity revolt; **Malkangiri** shows forest isolation and weak services in an LWE theatre.

Large industry in backward areas often takes land and forest without real gram sabha consent, causing **multiple displacement**.

That grievance is the political fuel of the LWE doctrine.

Corrective work is lawful security, Forest Rights and PESA, land-for-land, local livelihoods, and basic services.

Success is titles, schools, and panchayats functioning - not only camps and a factory gate.

**Flow diagram**

Large industry mines dams -> Tribal farmer displacement  
Tribal farmer displacement -> LWE recruitment recruitment  
Naxalbari land spark -> LWE recruitment  
Malkangiri forest isolation -> LWE recruitment  
PESA FRA local jobs security law -> Mainstream  
LWE recruitment -> PESA FRA local jobs security law

## Conclusion

- The 2015 **National Policy and Action Plan** line is right if it is practised: clear, hold, develop, with develop meaning rights.
- Measure success as **closed anganwadis reopened and titles granted**, not only as insurgents killed.
- **Malkangiri** needs connectivity and consent; Naxalbari's memory needs land reform honesty. Both need the State as a fair landlord, not as a broker for the next plant.

Naxalbari named a revolt against agrarian injustice; **Malkangiri** shows how forest geography and neglect keep LWE alive. Mega industry that isolates tribals and farmers feeds the doctrine. Corrective strategy is lawful security, PESA-FRA consent, an end to serial displacement, and local livelihoods and services. Mainstream growth is a title, a school, and a road that the gram sabha asked for - not a plant on a cleared village.

## Facts & figures

### Naxalbari, 1967

Peasant uprising in Darjeeling district that became the namesake of Naxalite or Left Wing Extremism in India.

### Malkangiri

Odisha district in a forest-reservoir cut-off belt of the tri-junction, long affected by LWE logistics and poor connectivity.

### PESA, 1996

Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, meant to give gram sabhas power over land and community resources in Scheduled Areas.

### Forest Rights Act, 2006

Recognises individual and community forest rights of tribals and forest dwellers; weak implementation feeds conflict.

### Multiple displacement

The same household losing land more than once to dams, mines, industry, or conservation, with cash that does not restore a livelihood.

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