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Case study. Land needed for mining, dams and other largescale projects is acquired mostly from Adivasis, hill dwellers and rural communities. The displaced persons are paid monetary compensation as per the legal provisions. However, the payment is often tardy. In any case, it cannot sustain the displaced families for long. These people do not possess marketable skills to engage in some other accusation. They end up as low paid migrant laborers. Moreover, the development goes to industries, industrialists and urban communities whereas the costs are passed on to these poor helpless people. This unjust distribution of costs and benefits is unethical. Suppose you have been entrusted with the task of drafting a better compensation-cum-rehabilitation policy for such displaced persons, how would you approach the problem and what would be the main elements of your suggested policy?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · GS IV · 20 marks · Ethics Case Studies

Case Studies on above issues.

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Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013

The Union acquisition statute that requires SIA, higher compensation and R&R; implementation and exemptions have often weakened it in practice.

Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996

Extends panchayat law to Scheduled Areas and gives the gram sabha a central role in land and community resources.

Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006

Recognises individual and community forest rights that cash-for-patta policies usually ignore.

Fifth and Sixth Schedules, Constitution of India

Special administration for Scheduled Areas and certain tribal areas; a constitutional hint that ordinary land markets are not enough.

National Food Security Act, 2013

A statutory food pipeline that a decent R&R policy should use until new livelihoods are real.

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