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Land Acquisition for Development: Impact on Households

Land acquisition is important for economic development of country in order to provide employment, social infrastructure, physical infrastructure and other amenities and it is inevitable for the progress of the nation but the land acquisition create negative impacts to the households . In this paper, land acquisition act in India are briefly discussed and the draw backs of land acquisition and it reveals that is no essential provisions such as 'prior informed consent', 'social impact assessment etc in land Acquisition Acts. This paper analyses the impact of land acquisition for transportation infrastructure by analyzing case studies. and analyze the best practices of land acquisition and a primary survey done on displaced households from ICTT, Vallarppadam project sites in Kerala, total of 16 households were selected randomly from the displaced households of the sites for detailed enquiry using a validated structured questionnaire. The analysis reveals that land acquisition quite often has far-reaching socio-economic impact on the lives of persons whose parcels of land are acquired. the effects of land acquisition identified included changes income levels, land utilisation, land-ownership structure, farming practices, family composition and cultural and social values, norms and bonds. Some suggestions are made as to how the process can be improved in future. The present paper also try to consider the impact on land acquisition on displaced people and identifies loopholes in the existing legal framework and propose certain measure for bringing real development in to the life of displaced people.

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