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Polavaram Project Land Acquisition: Alternative Livelihoods and Political Rights of Displaced Tribals

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Abstract:

Polavaram project is one of the largest multi-purpose irrigation projects in India, which has also been the epicentre of politics in Andhra Pradesh. While the state argues for sacrifice by the tribals in the name of development, it hasn't honoured compensation and other benefits as per the Land Acquisition Act 2013. The state government is expected to comply with the procedures as per the act - public hearing, conducting social impact assessment, getting environment clearances prior to acquiring land. However, in this project the government acquired land and started constructing canals without following due procedures which is against PISA Act. Also, government is yet to provide clarity about submerged villages and land rights to podu farmers which is against the Supreme Court order.

Chair: Dr Ch Satish, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences (CSSS), Calcutta

Date: **28 May (Saturday) 2022**. Time: 5p.m-6:30 p.m.

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