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ABSTRACT

Large scale of mega development projects often results in massive displacement of the population particularly marginal and vulnerable sections of the society. Michael Cernea's Impoverishment Risk and Reconstruction Model (IRR model) very aptly identified the intrinsic risks of involuntary displacement which include landlessness, joblessness, homelessness, marginalization, food insecurity, increased morbidity and mortality, loss of access to common property and social disintegration (1999). Beyond these, the women also become victims of physical dislocation, disempowerment, violence, and sexual assault. As a result, women, in the process, become more vulnerable. On the other hand, the resettlement policies and programmes in India are gender biased and insensitive to the differential experiences of women.

Therefore, the session seeks to examine the impact of development-induced displacement on women and their experiences. It will help us to explore the differential experiences of the women, and redesign policies and implementation strategies to make the process of resettlement better for the women.

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