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Big Dams and Rehabilitation Issues: Who Shares the Sorrows of Oustees

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ABSTRACT The paper drawing information heavily from secondary resources has tried to analyze critically the relationship between the investments made on major irrigation projects in the country and the impacts these projects have had brought on the lives of several lakhs oustees, particularly tribals. The author further argues that in order to restore social justice for the project affected people, it is very much need of the hour that every irrigation works should be legislatively authorized with public participation in decision making process.