

GOND STRUGGLES IN ADILABAD AND INDRAVELLI AREAS

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ABSTRACT

The scheduled areas of Telangana regions of Andhra Pradesh have again witnessed a large mobilization of tribes mainly in the districts of Adilabad and Khammam. Mainly Gonds of Adilabad were exploited ruthlessly. Their lands were taken by the landlords and immigrant peasantry arriving from the plain areas. Several forms of economic and extra-economic coercion continued without any countenance. It now grew as a formidable community force acting as the defensive mechanism for Gonds protecting the Gonds Rights. The state government while drawing the administrative boundaries of the mandals did not respect the integrity of the scheduled area. The contiguous scheduled area was split and distributed over many mandals, and thereby; reduced the population of the tribals a minority in those mandals.

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