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STRATEGY MEETING ON EASTERN DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR AND AMRITSAR – KOLKATA INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR

Date: 22nd August, 2015

Venue: Gaya, Bihar

NAPM BIHAR CALLS LAND ACTIVISTS, RESEARCHERS, LEGAL EXPERTS & AFFECTED PEOPLE

ISSUES OF LAND ACQUISITION, FOOD SECURITY & ENVIRONMENT

After the grand failure of SEZs, the pro-capitalist lobby has devised a new way to grab land, displace millions and induct them in the slave-labour economy. It is called 'Industrial Corridor' and the government is desperately trying to push for this new form of exploitative economy in the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor. NAPM organized the DMIC Sangharsh Yatra in 2013 across the 6 affected states and is continuously opposing the Corridor agenda. There are more than 11 corridors planned across India and it threatens to displace millions from their self-sustaining occupations and livelihood.

The Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor is a 1900 Kms long railway line dedicated exclusively to the movement of goods and raw materials to be built between Dankuni near Kolkata and Ludhiana in Punjab and is a World Bank funded project. Around the freight corridor is a plan for massive industrial and urban expansion known as the Amritsar – Kolkata Industrial Corridor.

The Amritsar – Kolkata Industrial Corridor will be spread across 20 cities in seven states which will include the Indian States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.

The cities which will be covered by the *ADKIC* Project are Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Ambala, Saharanpur, Delhi, Roorkee, Moradabad, Bareilly, Aligarh, Kanpur, Lucknow, Allahabad, Varanasi, Patna, Hazaribagh, Dhanbad, Asansol, Durgapur and Kolkata

AKIC would be implemented in a phased manner and would comprise a belt of at least 550,000 square km. The first phase of the project will be in a pilot project, during which at least one integrated manufacturing cluster of 10 sq km in each of the seven states will be set up.

Notice for land acquisition for EDFC in West Bengal has been published in Times of India on July 25 in the districts of Burdwan, Mouas, Satinadi, Kisorkorna and Khano, PS Galsi.

The need to build a united front against this urban onslaught on rural economy and livelihood is urgent. NAPM invites you for a discussion and strategy meeting in Gaya on 22nd August 2015.