

Topic: - Naxalism is responsible for the growth factor

The term Naxalism derives its name from the village Naxalbari of West Bengal. It is originated as rebellion against local landlords who pushed a peasant over a land dispute. This rebellion was under the leadership of Kanu Santhal and Jagan Sanyal with an objective of rightful redistribution of the land to working peasants which was initiated in 1967.

It is considered to be the far left radical communists; the Naxals support Maoist Political sentiments and ideology. It was started in West Bengal and the movement slowly spread across the Eastern India in less developed areas of rural Central and Eastern India, such as Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh. The movement has rapidly found roots among displaced tribes and natives who are fighting

against exploitation at the hands of major Indian corporations and local officials whom they believe to be corrupt.

Factors responsible for the growth of Naxalism

1) Mismanagement of Forests —

It is one of the main reasons for the spread of Naxalism. It started with the British government. The monopolization of the forest started with the enactment of various forest laws. The integration with the wider world led to an influx of a new class like moneylenders. The administrative machinery became more exploitative and extortionate at functional level.

2. Tribal policies not implemented well — Even during the Post Independence era, the government was not able to stop the process of the tribal alienation and their displacement caused by

large projects. Even the issues of food security were not fully sorted out. Consequently, Naxalites made inroads in Orissa and other states.

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