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The Making of the 2013 Land Acquisition Law

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About the book
This book attempts to explain the rationale behind each and every provision of The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013, presented by the then minister of rural development and his principal aide. The book is a first-hand account of the challenges faced and the factors that drove the decisions in regulating the State’s approach to a resource that is arguably the most important in a land-deficit people-surplus nation.

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