GENERAL STUDIES IV

Ethics Case Study 01: Mining Lease Clearance vs Indigenous Tribal Rights

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A District Collector confronts political pressure to bypass Gram Sabha consent under PESA for a critical mineral extraction project.

Case Scenario and Dilemma

You are posted as District Magistrate in a Fifth Schedule district. A multinational consortium proposes a rare-earth mining facility promising 5,000 industrial jobs, but local Dongria tribal groups invoke PESA Act protections against displacement.

Ethical Framework for Resolution

Apply constitutional morality, statutory compliance under FRA 2006, transparent stakeholder consultation, and sustainable rehabilitation before sanctioning approvals.

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