

COLONIAL HYDRAULIC INTERVENTION AND ITS IMPACT ON THE RIVER CONTROL POLICY IN POST-INDEPENDENT INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Being a country surrounded by the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea, India is quite prone to flood. One and every part of the country is severely affected by floods caused by the rivers of the country. In spite of these huge destruction made by the rivers for an extended period of time, no significant solution is there to solve this problem. However in the last few decades, some serious attempts have been made in order to improve the effects of floods and also for better control and management of the rivers. Examining those policies and initiatives adopted by the government of India for flood control is quite necessary for better understanding of the flood problem in the country.

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