

EOPP Indian States Data Base

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Land Reform Variables

All land reform data are input by identifying Acts related to land reform in the “*Index to Central and State Enactments*” published by the Ministry of Law and Justice, India.

To examine the extent of these acts two main books are used:

- Haque and Sirohi, 1986 “*Agrarian Reforms And Institutional Changes In India*”
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Secondary sources for filling in the gaps and checking include:

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- Kurien, 1981 “Dynamics Of Rural Transformation – A Study Of Tamil Nadu”
- Pani, 1983 “Reforms To Pre-Empty Change – Land Legislation In Karnataka”
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Stata Name Of The Variable	Full Name Of The Variable	Years Covered
GINILAND	Gini coefficient including landless households	1957-92
NOLAND	Proportion of households owning no land (%)	
BOT40_	The share of area owned by households at the bottom 40% of the land ownership hierarchy (%)	
BOT50_	The share of area owned by households at the bottom 50% of the land ownership hierarchy (%)	
MID40_80	The share of area owned by households at the middle 40-80% of the land ownership hierarchy (%)	
MID50_80	The share of area owned by households at the middle 50-80% of the land ownership hierarchy (%)	
TOP20_	The share of area owned by households at the top 20% of the land ownership hierarchy (%)	
TOP10_	The share of area owned by households at the top 10% of the land ownership hierarchy (%)	
TOP5_	The share of area owned by households at the top 5% of the land ownership hierarchy (%)	
TOP1_	The share of area owned by households at the top 1% of the land ownership hierarchy (%)	
LR1	Number of land reform acts ¹ introduced in year <i>t</i> belonging to type 1 ²	
LR2	Number of land reform acts introduced in year <i>t</i> belonging to type 2 ³	
LR3	Number of land reform acts introduced in year <i>t</i> belonging to type 3 ⁴	

LR4	Number of land reform acts introduced in year t belonging to type 4 ⁵	
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CLR1	Cumulative measure of stock of type 1 land reforms passed in state s by year t	1957-92
CLR2	Cumulative measure of stock of type 2 land reforms passed in state s by year t	
CLR3	Cumulative measure of stock of type 3 land reforms passed in state s by year t	
CLR4	Cumulative measure of stock of type 4 land reforms passed in state s by year t	
CLR	$CLR = CLR1 + CLR2 + CLR3 + CLR4$	
ACT	Cumulative sum of number of land reform legislation passed in state s by year t $ACT \leq CLR$	

Note: -

1. A single act can belong to several categories.
2. Type 1 land reform = tenancy reform
3. Type 2 land reform = abolition of intermediaries
4. Type 3 land reform = ceilings on landholdings
5. Type 4 land reform = consolidation of landholdings
6. Amendments to acts are treated as new pieces of legislation.