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The attitudes of local elites - the hinge between Indian state and rural society - towards protest and participation in development. Illuminates arguments about the nature of the state as well as the development process.