DEVELOPMENT AND DISEASE: INTERPRETATION OF INTER-RELATIONSHIP IN THE CONTEXT OF MOSQUITO-BORNE MALADIES

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Mosquito-borne diseases, once considered diseases exclusively of the rural poor have now assumed significance by becoming diseases of development associated with people's various social, cultural and economic needs and unsustainable lifestyle. Benefit of development can hardly be achieved with poor environmental and human health. Contrary to popular belief, a developmental project can yield a net loss to society, if the likely negative health impacts are not taken into account in the project design. This paper is an attempt to evaluate and interpret the inter-relationship of economic development and mosquito-borne diseases in post independent India.