State Development Projects Force Tribesmen to Flee Ancestral Lands

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**Tribesmen, said approaching the Chief Miras:**

**They are under the threat of displacement,**

**petition.**

**Kiri near Attappady in Palakkad.**

**are under tremendous pressure to move,**

**lands are a major issue at places.**

**setting up dams are costing more than 500 families are under tremendous pressure to move,**

**an RDO.**

**we are not getting the benefits of the project,**

**drapped and Vimalamma superintendent Rajen-

**the order on petitions filed by the two doctors, hospital**

**were submitted that, they did not have the neces-

**of the government order trans-

**The committee, in its sit-

**the next three years. There were chances of frosts and pests affecting some hills.**

**and Vimalamma superintendent Rajen-

**district will have to handover two doctors in con-

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