Panel Discussion on
INDUSTRIALIZATION AND STATE-BUSINESS RELATIONS IN ANDHRA PRADESH
PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES

on January 28, 2009
Time: 3.00 PM – 5-30 PM  Venue: CESS, Hyderabad

Issues to be focused on:
SBRs and Political Regimes in AP
SBRs and Pro-poor Growth in AP
SBRs in AP: Challenges and Prospects

Why has industrialization in Andhra Pradesh remained fiercely contested? What have been the benefits of industrialization in the state so far, and what have been the costs? How have the interactions between the state and the business sector help shape these outcomes? What processes and institutions – formal and informal – have determined the trajectory of state business relations in Andhra Pradesh? How have civil society and the population at large viewed these relations, and how have they participated in these processes?

CESS is organizing a workshop on the nature of state business relations in Andhra Pradesh and how this may have impacted on industrialization in the state. The workshop will engage different stake holders in a dialogue, and will aim at:

a) mapping the major phases and turning points in the trajectory of state business relations to identify the factors and practices that have contributed to the enhancement of trust and cooperation between the state and business;

b) examining the possibility and necessity of investing in the processes that further and consolidate better and synergetic SBRs; and,

c) exploring the possibility of creating the conditions for pro-poor initiatives.