

On Protecting Cultivated Land by Balancing Requisition and Compensation in China

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ABSTRACT

In order to solve the contradiction between food provision and security and the land requisition during the industrialization and urbanization, the Chinese government executes a system to ensure the dynamic equilibrium by balancing requisition and compensation of cultivated land. According to the system, the requisition of cultivated land must be compensated by land users reclaiming land. The paper gives a brief introduction to the system and analyzes the difficulties in the implementation of the system, such as the more challenge between protecting cultivated land and balancing requisition and compensation, the difficulties of carrying out the system. The paper also gives suggestion to protect cultivated land in connotation by some measures, such as transforming low-yielding fields, regulating the acts of reclamation land strictly, compensating cultivated land in other places. China's experience in the protection of cultivated land may provide useful lessons for other developing countries.

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