

Industrial Stagnation and Growth in Andhra Pradesh Industries – 1956-1980's: Re-examining Explanations of the Mid-sixties

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