Attitudes of Claimants’ to Variation in Compensation for Compulsory Land Acquisition in Ondo State, Nigeria

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SUMMARY
Abstract This paper presents the perception of claimants to land acquisition and variation in compensation paid for compulsory land acquisition exercise in some selected city in Ondo State in year 2012. This is a survey research which adopts a questionnaire design to elicit data from the claimants of the compensation paid during the period. Data collected employed descriptive analysis of mean scores and weighted mean scores with measure of dispersion to present the results. The research revealed a wide disparity between the mean of compensation paid and market value of the acquired property. Furthermore, this research revealed that the relative satisfaction index of claimants towards compensation paid were below acceptable satisfaction level. The study then recommended among others that, in order to have a peaceable society devoid of conflict and chaos, adequate valuation methods and payments of adequate compensation that will not make claimants worse off than they were, are essential.