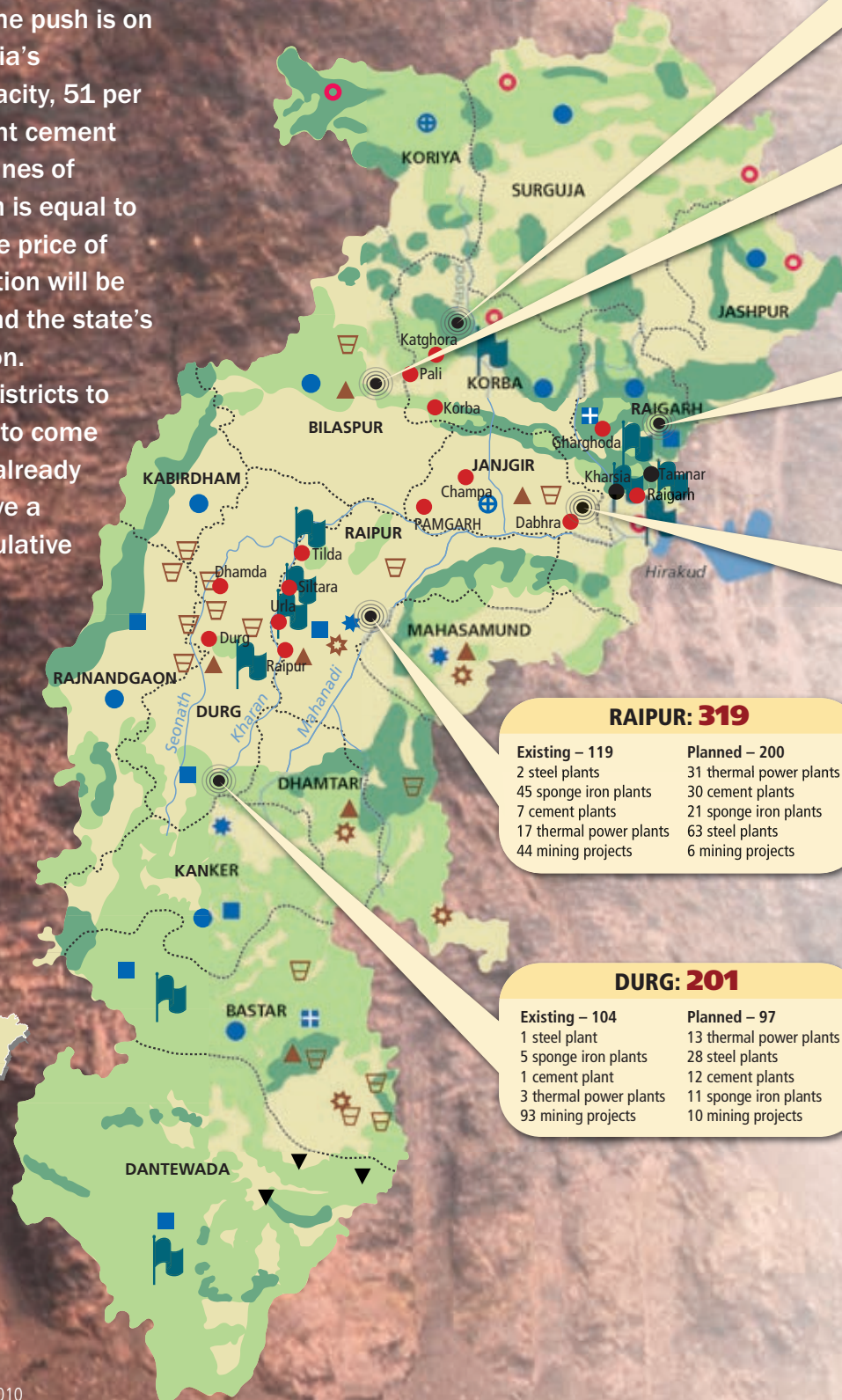


Industrial jungle

Chhattisgarh is set to become the largest producer of thermal power, cement and sponge iron. The push is on to install 77 per cent of India's current thermal power capacity, 51 per cent of the country's present cement capacity and 31 million tonnes of sponge iron capacity, which is equal to India's current capacity. The price of this fast-track industrialisation will be forests, agricultural land and the state's 32 per cent tribal population. SUGANDH JUNEJA toured the districts to assess the shape of things to come and the struggles that are already afoot. Does the country have a method to assess the cumulative impact of this crowded industrialisation?

CHHATTISGARH



KORBA: 59

Existing – 22	Planned – 37
7 thermal power plants	17 thermal power plants
1 sponge iron plant	3 aluminium smelters
11 mining projects	15 mining projects

BILASPUR: 83

Existing – 51	Planned – 32
10 sponge iron plants	7 thermal power plants
2 thermal power plants	5 sponge iron plants
36 mining projects	6 cement plants
	6 steel plants
	5 mining projects

RAIGARH: 297

Existing – 51	Planned – 246
1 steel plant	47 thermal power plants
21 sponge iron plants	80 steel plants
5 thermal power plants	25 sponge iron plants
22 mining projects	23 mining projects
	4 cement plants

JANJGIR-CHAMPA: 111


Existing – 14	Planned – 97
1 sponge iron plant	31 thermal power plants
2 cement plants	16 steel plants
2 thermal power plant	5 sponge iron plants
8 mining projects	11 cement plants
	17 mining projects


RAIPUR: 319


Existing – 119	Planned – 200
2 steel plants	31 thermal power plants
45 sponge iron plants	30 cement plants
7 cement plants	21 sponge iron plants
17 thermal power plants	63 steel plants
44 mining projects	6 mining projects

DURG: 201


Existing – 104	Planned – 97
1 steel plant	13 thermal power plants
5 sponge iron plants	28 steel plants
1 cement plant	12 cement plants
3 thermal power plants	11 sponge iron plants
93 mining projects	10 mining projects


 **Protests:** Against industries and mining projects

 Open forests


 Dense forests


 River


 Coal/Lignite


 Bauxite


 Tin


 Gold


 Iron


 Lead

 Dolomite

 Limestone

 Diamond

 Other minerals (Ta, Nb, Li, Cs, Rb)

 Hot spots

Source: CSE publication, *Rich Lands Poor People: Is 'Sustainable' Mining Possible?*
Map not to scale