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Abstract: Several administrations in Nigeria, whether military or civilian, have tried to create policies and programmes that promote economic self-reliance. Over the years, however, these policies have failed to deliver the anticipated dividends due to systemic contradictions and the Nigerian factor. The global economic recession, which started as global financial crisis revealed clearly how underdeveloped and vulnerable the Nigerian economy is even as the country inched closer to the 50th anniversary of its statehood. In this chapter, the author addressed the question of economic self-reliance and why it has remained a mirage. The chapter also looked at reasons for the systemic failure of policies and programmes of government aimed at revamping the economy and proffered solutions for correcting the present challenges frustrating efforts to achieve economic self-reliance in Nigeria.