

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Demand to settle the rehabilitation and compensation process of the families whose lands were acquired for Hirakund Dam.

SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB (SAMBALPUR): Thank you Sir for giving me an opportunity. मैं सोच रहा था कि आज भी मुझे मौका नहीं मिलेगा, लेकिन आपने मुझे मौका दिया, उसके लिए मैं आपको धन्यवाद देता हूँ।

Sir, Hirakud Dam at Sambalpur in the State of Odisha was built in 1957. The first multipurpose river valley project and the longest man-made dam in the world was on river Mahanadi. Though this project has been completed 63 years back, the rehabilitation and compensation to the families whose lands were submerged in this project have not yet been settled till date.

I would like to draw the attention of the Chair to instruct the Government to settle the compensation and rehabilitation process at the earliest and kindly tell the Government to make an extra allocation of additional funds for improvement of the dam.