GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2125 ANSWERED ON:30.11.2007 REHABILITATION PROGRAMME FOR THE OUSTEES OF TEHRI DAM Bahuguna Shri Vijay

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount which the Tehri Hydro Development Corporation Ltd. has spent on Rehabilitation of Tehri Dam affected people so far:
- (b) whether the State Government of Uttarakhand has demanded additional funds for the purposes; and
- (c) if so, the response of the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

- (a): THDC have informed that up October, 2007 they have spent Rs.1232.35 crores on Rehabilitation & Resettlement of Tehri Dam affected people.
- (b): Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand had, in November 2006, sent an additional demand for a special package of Rs.248.00 crores to Hon'ble Prime Minister for affected/cut-off areas of Tehri Dam project. In addition to that, the Rehabilitation Directorate of Government of Uttarakhand has recently asked THDC for additional funds of Rs.144.20 crores for Rehabilitation & Resettlement works of Tehri Dam affected people.
- (c) : The demands raised by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand pertained mainly to bridges & road connectivity. As these demands were beyond the provisions of the approved Rehabilitation & Resettlement policy, they could not be borne out of the project cost.

THDC vide their letter dated 25.09.2007 have requested the Rehabilitation Directorate of Government of Uttarakhand to furnish further details in respect of the additional demands of Rs.144.20 crores made by them.