

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2460  
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REHABILITATION OF TEHRI DAM OUSTEES  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of people displaced due to construction of Tehri dam have not been rehabilitated so far;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total number of families displaced due to construction of Tehri dam and the number out of them have been rehabilitated so far; and
- (d) the time by which remaining displaced families are likely to be rehabilitated?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE )

(a) to (d) : All the eligible fully affected 5291 urban families displaced by Tehri Dam construction have already been rehabilitated. Out of the 5429 eligible rural families, all families residing upto the reservoir level of 790 meters have been paid full compensation. As the full reservoir level is likely to be achieved over the period of next 3-4 years, the remaining 462 eligible rural families residing above the level of 790 meters are being rehabilitated pari passu with the reservoir filling, in line with the directions of the Supreme Court. The resettlement and rehabilitation (R&R) works of Tehri Dam Project are being handled by the Government of Uttaranchal with the funds being provided by Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC). An attractive and a liberal rehabilitation package has been evolved, which has been improved from time to time. The sufficiency of the rehabilitation package has also been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. While the rehabilitation directorate of Government of Uttaranchal has offered to pay compensation to all the remaining eligible families residing above 790 m, they are presently not coming forward at this point of time, as the reservoir will fill up only after a period of three to four years. These families would move out at the appropriate time as they are cultivating their lands presently, which are not yet submerged.